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BRUCE AGAIN AT THE HELM

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY HEARKENS TO THE VOICE OF THE MASSES.

THE REAL LEADER OF THE RACE

Named as Register of Treasury—A Long Contest Ended and Everybody Satisfied with the Result—Bruce's Prestige and How He Maintained it—A Friend to Young Men—The Appointment Shows That Negro Leadership is a Conceded Fact—Congress and its Work—The Civil Service Battles—Livingston to Land—The Elbert Case Closed—Statistics Submitted with the Hope some One May Verify Them—Bethel Literary's Prospects—Recorder Cheatham a Man of the People—Flotsam and Jetsam.

Washington, D. C., Special.

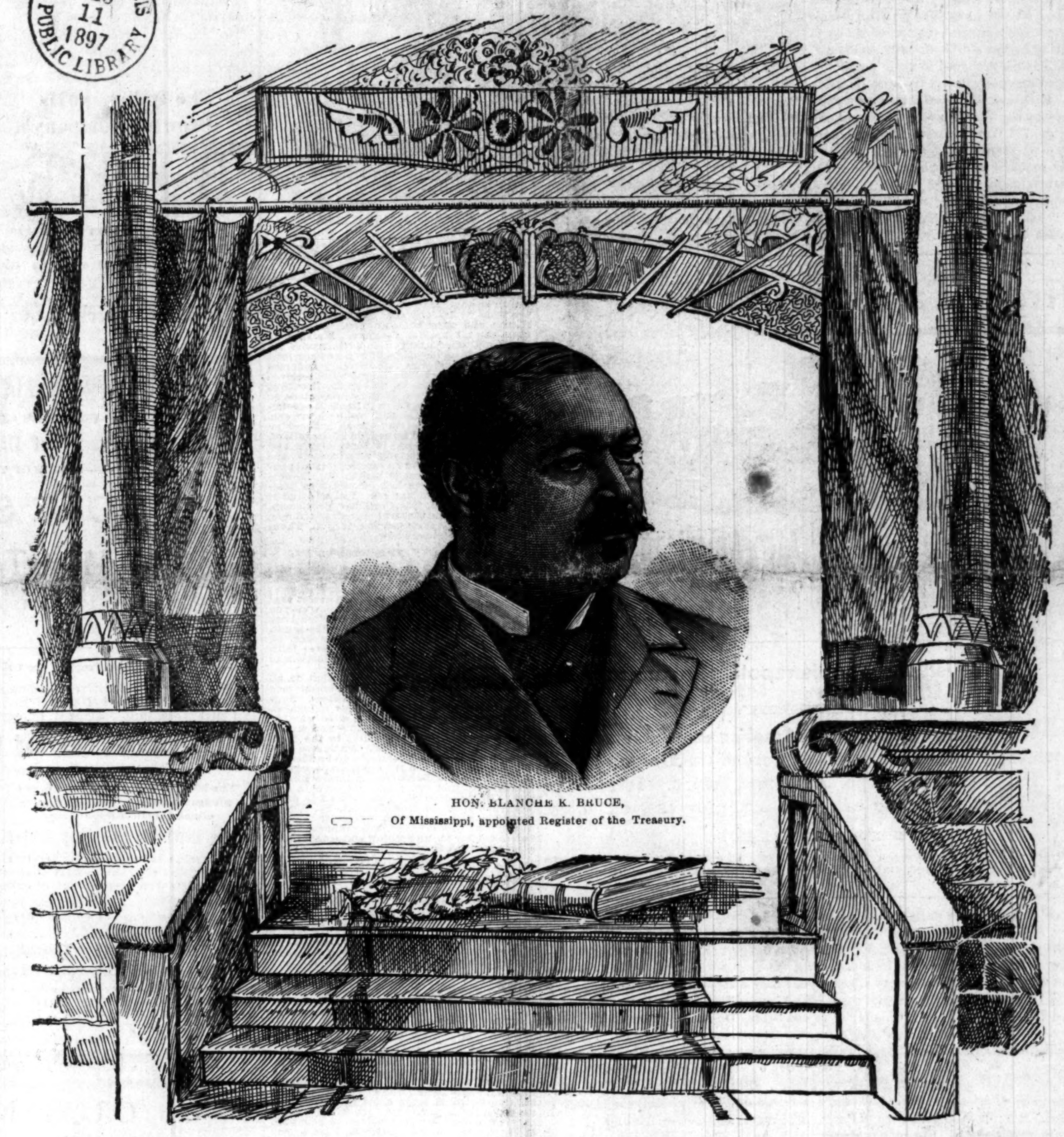
Ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce, by the wisdom and foresight of President McKinley and his own commanding elements of strength, is Register of the Treasury. The long waited for event has happened, and the only strange thing about it is the unusual fact that in this day of disappointment and uncertainty, the fittest man has won out by such a handsome margin. Your correspondent has, from the beginning, favored the selection of Mr. Bruce, believing that high official stations—such as carry with them the insignia of leadership—should be filled by the most representative characters among us. Mr. Bruce has had much experience in public life. He has made many valuable acquaintances among the strong political factors of the nation. The warm friendship his genial nature has cultivated, coupled with a record unblemished by the suggestion of scandal, combine to give him an influence potent for great good to his race. In this respect he has no rival among the leaders of to-day. Broader business relationships and years of study along economic and philosophical lines has ripened a naturally acute trend toward statesmanship, and Mr. Bruce is now in better condition to serve his people than ever before. A happy characteristic of his, and one which has done as much as any other to keep him alive in the popular mind, when other able contemporaries have fallen forgotten by the wayside, is his confidence in the young men of the race. He has kept in touch with them in all matters looking to their moral and material advancement, and has never failed to grasp all opportunity to lend aid and comfort to their political ambitions. He has kept pace with modern thought and taken kindly to the spirit of progress—when many of his rivals have stuffed their ears with deafening wads of superstition and antiquated dogmas. Herein lies the secret of his perennial success. His is an example well worthy of emulation. Mr. Bruce's selection gives universal satisfaction, and is, from an Afro-American standpoint, the most popular act of the McKinley administration. Republicans and Democrats unite in commending the choice, and hold it up as an indication that Caucasian politicians concede that there is in Negro leadership sufficient form and virility to inspire recognition. The Registership is the particularly national office, and as such it has been appropriately tendered to the race's essentially national character. It has been given to the race's citizen-at-large and favorite son, and not to the ward or personal dependent of any influential politician. Mr. Bruce needs no introduction to the readers of The Freeman, and a biographical sketch would be superfluous here. His past is a record of honorable public service, and a clean private life. His future offers still higher possibilities. The new Register entered upon the discharge of his duties Saturday with the confidence and esteem of a United constituency. It was a graceful compliment and a healthful omen that his foremost competitors, Messrs. Napier, Gaines and Wright were the first to wire congratulations.

A CONGRESS FULL OF INTEREST.

Congress is on our hands. It promises to be "in our midst" for an indefinite period. Many problems of national concern confront the solons, and a session of debate and discord may be expected. The currency issue will disclose wide-spread differences of opinion. The Cuban embroglio will give patriotic statesmen a chance to tickle the ear of the galleries. Hawaii will have her innings, and last, but by no means least, there will be some ground and lofty tumbling between the adherents and opponents of the civil service law. To active partisans, this question occupies the center of the stage, and all other issues are mere bagatelles in comparison. The conservative thinkers admit that the clamor will savor of Bedlam turned loose and the pressure in favor of repeal will be something terrific, but cling to the belief that no Republican Congress is likely to deliberately repudiate the frequently expressed wishes of a Republican President or openly recant principles laid down in the national platform upon which the people's confidence was won last fall The local papers are a unit in favor of the merit system, and predict that when the smoke of battle shall have cleared away, the civil service law will be found doing business serenely at the old stand.

ANOTHER CONSULSHIP LANDED.

It is understood from reliable sources that within a few days Dr. L. W. Livingston, of Florida, will be named as consul to Cape Haitien. The Doctor is an able young man who has contributed a goodly share of his time and means to the success of his party, and it is fitting that he should be rewarded. He has already passed the examination with excellent results, and his nomination will follow in the course of events. Dr. Livingston was at first an applicant for the post at Valparaiso, Chili. The Cape Haitien consulship pays $1,000 per year.



HON. BLANCHE K. BRUCE,
Of Mississippi, appointed Register of the Treasury.

THE ELBERT CASE CLOSED.

Dr. S. A. Elbert has not publicly broken the silence as to his reasons for declining the Bahian consulship. The flings of various journals have moved him not. The solicitude of friends and the prods of enemies have been of no avail in solving the mystery. Comes now Editor W. Calvin Chase, of the Washington Bee, who, in the pointed and unmistakable manner characteristic of his utterances, gives out the following brief statement: "Some of our contemporaries seem a little confused as to the reasons which moved Dr. Elbert to decline a consulship tendered him by the administration. It is all very simple. Dr. Elbert, unfortunately, failed to pass the examination required of applicants for consulship." A denial from the Hoosier statesman would set at rest all doubts and would materially clarify the situation. The place belongs to Indiana, and she should have it. If the Doctor declined he should have controlled it for some worthy young leader in his bailiwick. As the matter stands, Dr. Elbert seems to have surrendered all claim and thrown the job back upon the country Whether Mr. Chase is correct or not, the absence of further explanation from Indiana precludes continued debate. The incident, so far as the personality of Dr. Elbert is concerned, must be regarded as closed.

SOME ALLEGED ADMINISTRATION STATISTICS.

An item is going the rounds purporting to be an authentic list of appointments made in the various bureaus of the government during the period from March 4 last to October 15. How the statistics were obtained is not stated. As nothing in the government roster—save in the Interior Department—bears upon the color of an appointee, this enterprising census taker must certainly have been accorded rare privileges in the public buildings or enjoy an unprecedented personal acquaintance with Uncle Sam's people in Washington. As a matter of interest, however, the table is given and the reader can take it for what it is worth. The showing is very creditable, and the race would no doubt be glad if the figures could be officially verified. This statistician notes 179 appointments since March 4, carrying salaries amounting to $129,390 per year. Of these four were under the State Department, seventy-two in the treasury, eighteen in the interior, ten in the Agricultural Department, eight in the Navy, fourteen in the postoffice, fifty-three in the Government Printing Office. The promotions are placed at 152, carrying salaries aggregating $82,740. Will the wiseacres now get out their pencils and tablets and go to figuring?

BETHEL LITERARY SOCIETY

has opened its seventeenth year under very favorable auspices. President L. M. Hershaw makes an admirable officer, and is exerting himself to maintain the high reputation of the organization which has for the second time placed him at its head. T. Thomas Fortune, of the New York Age, delivered an instructive address Nov. 30 on "Thomas Jefferson, the Greatest Democrat." Congressman White, of North Carolina, spoke Dec. 7 on "Civil Service Reform" On the 14th a memorial meeting in honor of the late John M. Langston will be held. Speakers scheduled for early appearances are: Dr. J. E. Sheppard, of North Carolina, Editor H. T. Kealing, of the A. M. E. Church Review, Rev. J. M. Henderson, of New York, Dr. Alex. Crummell, W. T. Menard and others. Invitations have been sent by the advisory board to the following Indianians: Hon. George L. Knox, Prof. W. M. Lewis, Hon. W. Allison Sweeney and Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Isham's "Octoroons" are headed this way.

Col. W. A. Piedger, of "Gawgy," has come to town.

Editor T. Thomas Fortune has gone South for his health.

Senator Fairbanks is on the ground, hustling for his loyal constituents.

Rev. W. A. Creditt, for several years pastor of Berean Baptist church, has accepted a charge in Philadelphia.

Miss Louise Alston, the talented Washington poetess, will contribute some of her gems to the columns of The Freeman.

Dr. W. Bruce Evans, principal of the Wilson school, succeeds R. W. Thompson, as president of the Men's Guild of St. Luke's P. E. church.

Though differing upon every other conceivable subject, the Afro-American papers of this city vied with each other in their enthusiasm for Mr. Bruce.

Hon. C. H. J. Taylor is dean of the law department of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., and has also opened offices for legal practice.

A determined effort is being made to capture the office of police judge for the colored people. E. M. Hewlett continues the popular choice of the race, and his should bear fruit.

Hon. George W. Murray, of South Carolina, is on hand, looking after his contest for a seat in the House. Hon. C. J. Jones of Mississippi, will contest the seat occupied by Mr. Catchings.

Col. Robert H. Terrell is sawing a vast quantity of wood these days. This genial gentleman is preparing a delightful surprise for his friends. In the meantime he is walking about in "rubber shoes."

Mrs. Frederick Douglass has lost her suit against the administrators of the Douglass estate. Her demand was that they purchase $10,000 worth of government bonds to make good a bequest contained in her late husband's will.

L. M Hershaw, an efficient clerk in the General Land office, has been promoted to the $1,200 class. He is president of Bethel literary society, a graduate of Howard's law department, and a well informed student of literature and politics.

Five weeks ago your correspondent prophesied that Senator Bruce would pay for his Thanksgiving turkey out of his first installment of salary as Register of the Treasury. Just amend the prediction by substituting "Christmas turkey," and we are all right.

Public Printer Palmer has made no mistake since he assumed the reins of office. He has appointed, retained and promoted a large number of Afro-Americans. No chief in Washington occupies a warmer place in the hearts of his Negro employees than does the Hon. Frank W. Palmer.

W. P. Carson, a well-equipped young man, has succeeded his father, Col Perry Carson as sanitary inspector. The Tall Sycamore's health has been poor of late and he deemed it best to retire from active duty. The commissioners honored the old warrior by naming his son for the vacancy thus created.

Hon. H. P. Cheatham delivered a timely ad-

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CROWNED WITH SUCCESS

ARE THE EFFORTS OF THE "MOSES OF THE RACE"—HE HAS

BUILDED A LASTING MONUMENT TO HIS

Memory in the Hearts of his People—Department of Agriculture Added to the Tuskegee Institute—A Gala Day in the "Black Belt"—Distinguished Men Speak to the Large Audience Who Assembled to Witness the Dedication—A New Epoch in the History of the Negro of the South.

The formal opening and dedication of Tuskegee's new agricultural building was attended yesterday with incidents of the most notable and pleasurable kind.

In the pavilion of the school, sitting enveloped with the Stars and Stripes, amid buntings, native grasses and mosses, with a wealth of flags of all nations about, and fantastic creations wrought from agricultural and farm products, festooned and garlanded from every vantage point, was to be found national and state officialdom, which came to lend its presence at the launching of the first distinctly Negro agricultural school ever founded.

This day was the ripening fruition of Booker T. Washington's effort to establish in the so-called "Black Belt" of Alabama a department of Agriculture which will afford practical instruction to the 85 per cent of the blacks of this region who depend upon agriculture in some form for their living. Black farmers and white farmers of this and adjoining counties came in large numbers by rail and carriage and ox cart to hear and greet President McKinley's Secretary of Agriculture, Hon. James Wilson, Governor Joseph F. Joanston, of Alabama, ex-Governor W. J. Northern, of Georgia, State Commissioner of Agriculture Major I. F. Culver, State Superintendent of Education, Hon. O. Turner, Hon. G R. Glenn, Georgia's Superintendent of Public Education, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, of the Peabody and John F. Slater educational funds, and the representatives of educational interests who came from every section of Georgia and Alabama. No more demonstrative welcome has ever been given a distinguished visitor to Tuskegee than that offered Secretary Wilson, Governor Johnston and Dr. Curry Monday night as they arrived at the school grounds escorted by white and colored citizens. Arches of evergreen, moss and holly graced the approaches to the grounds and lined the broad avenues. Flags and buntings decorated each of the school's forty buildings and lighted candles glowed from the windows of each of those situated along the boulevard which goes through the grounds. Along this was lined on either side the eight hundred students, the eighty six instructors and many citizens of Tuskegee. Each was provided with a lighted pine knot, which was vigorously waved as lusty cheers and shooting sky-rockets rent the air in accompaniament with the institute's brass band of thirty pieces, which struck up "Hail to the Chief" as the distinguished party came in sight. The campus was as brilliantly lighted as though Old Sol in grandeur was reigning supreme and doing duty for the occasion.

But the apotheosis of enthusiasm was reached Tuesday when the distinguished secretary and the State's executive were piloted to the platform in the presence of 5,000 people, white and black, rich and poor, prominent and obscure, intelligent and illiterate, which was closely packed in the commodious pavilion, The immense audience rose to its feet, wildly cheered, waved handkerchiefs and drowned the orchestra as it essayed to again play "Hail to the hief." For nearly ten minutes the demonstration continued, and eased only when Mr. Washington calmly strode to the front and asked for silence. He introduced Rev. Dr. Alstork, of Montgomery, who offered prayer. In a few short introductory remarks Mr. Washngton had to say that the formal opening and dedication of the new Agricultural Building did not mean that Tuskegee was just beginning to teach agriculture. On the contrary, it has had a place as an industry since the inception of the work at Tuskegee. It did mean, however, he said, that special emphasis is hereafter to be given this important branch under scientific tutelage. He had a word of thanks for the State, which has founded an experiment station here at Tuskegee, unbounded thanks for Mr. Morris K. Jesup, the New York banker, Dr. J. L. M. Curry and the trustees of the John F. Slater fund, whose generosity made possible the erection of the building and assure its support, and for Secretary Wilson and Governor Johnston, who left the cares of official state to be present to pledge their continued support and in person express their cordial indorsement of the new addition to Tuskegee's means for the accomplishment of practical good. Letters of regret were read from President McKinley, Mr. Robt. C. Ogden, of the John Wanamaker firm; Mr. W. H. Baldwin, president of the Long Island R. R. Co., who has contributed so liberally to the fund for the erection of a new $30,000 trades building soon to be begun, and the following trustees of the John F. Slater fund: Chief Justice Fuller, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, president; D. C. Gilman, Bishop H. C. Potter, Mr. Wm. E. Dodge, Bishop C. B. Galloway, ex-Postmaster

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THE GOLDEN RULE CIRCLE.

OF KING'S DAUGHTERS MEET—THE EVENT OF THE SEASON WAS

The Grand Ball Given at Frederick's Hall—Excellent Program Rendered—Gone to his Reward—Notes.

Toledo, O., Special.

Miss Marie Craig is reported very ill at her home on Dover St. Miss Mettie Remley who has been very sick for the past two months is reported much better. Miss Bessie Baker left Wednesday for Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Smith of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Stewart. Miss Missouri Craig is visiting friends in Ann Arber Mich. Mrs. O G. Fields left for Norwalk, Tuesday Nov., 30th, to attend a wedding. Mrs. John Rochester is quite ill at her home on Wisconsin St. Golden Rule Circle of Kings Daughters meet at the residence of Mrs. John Brown Thursday. Mrs. E. Brown left last Wednesday for Jamestown, N. Y., where she will make her future home with her brother. Sunday was a grand rally day at Warren Chapel, A. M. E. church, and in addition to a special service morning and evening the Sunday School rendered a fine program in the afternoon, the program was as follows: Singing by the School; Invocation, Rev. Maxwell; Scripture Reading, I. C. Clemans; Vocal Solo, Goldie Wilson; Address, Rev. Dyer; Violin Solo, Hattie Kennedy; Singing, School; Paper, Nellie White; Baritone Solo, L. B. McGhee; Soprano Solo, Mr. M. A. Dyer; Remarks, W. E. Clemens; Solo, Rolla Dent; Soprano Solo, Anna C. Clemens; baritone solo, Mr. B. M. Ward; "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again," by the congregation. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Watson a 12 pound baby boy on Saturday morning Nov., 27th. The young men in general have formed themselves into what is known as "The Young Men's Social Club," suitable quarters have been rented on Eire St., which offers a bath room, barber shop, training room and a bilfiard room, $250.00 has been subscribed and it is bound to make a success. Death has called from our midst one of our bright young men, Mr. Elie Whitefield. Mr. Whitefield has been sick for some time with that dreaded disease consumption. He was a member of the Royal Arch Masons of this city, which society took care of his remains, he left a wife and one son to mourn his loss. The funeral was held at Warren Chapel, A. M. E. church Saturday Nov. 27th. Miss Eva Love is dangerouly ill at her residence Norwood Ave., all hopes for her recovery have been abandoned. Mrs. Mary Burns of Dow St., is visiting her mother in Adrain, Mich. Mrs. Wm. Kennedy of Union St., is visiting in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Eliza White of Sandusky, O., is visiting her daughter Mrs. Cal. Jones, Scott St. On Wednesday evening November 24th, at the residence of the bride on Missouri St., Miss Mary Davis, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to the Rev. M. A. Dyer, Rev. Maxwell performed the ceremony after which "The Toledo Colored Band," serenaded the happy bride and groom. The grandest ball of the season was given in Prof. Frederick's Hall on Tuesday evening Nov, 23rd. At about 11 p. m. there were about 50 couple present to participate in the grand march. The com., Messrs. Woods, Busby and Vena assisted by Prof. Frederick, provided every luxury and convience for their guest, it was past three when the guest departed. Mr. Ralph Busby one of our popular young men returned home from Detroit Thursday, after spending a week with friends The entertainment given at Kellers Hall, for the benefit of Sir Knight Geo. Fields was a success from begining to end.

Alabama State Convention.

Uniontown, Ala., Special.

Thanksgiving was observed with appropriate worship at our churches. Rev. Wm. Madison of the Baptist church preached a powerful sermon at 3:30 p. m. There were no services at the A. M. E. church, owing to the illness of Rev. J. F. Adams, who for several days has been very sick. Wednesday was a busy day, and the chicken and turkey venders did a rushing business. Uniontown has many colored busines places. White and Adams do a large business in general merchandise. Lawrence Gray is nicely fixed on the most popular St., he carries a nice line of groceries. Peter Gilbert is a very successful grocer, he keeps a well stocked house. A door or two below Gilbert is the house of Simon Jones, it is difficult to say just what Simon keeps, but he always has what you want. Henry Hatcher is another energetic business man, he owns and runs a steam ginery in the town, his gin has the capacity of 24 bales a day. Hunter Coleman is a hustling young grocery man. C. H. Chambers the colored barber does a good business. Mrs. Chambers runs a first class restaurant, Mrs. Chambers is polished and smiles her way to success. W. L. Chambers the colored tailor is a credit to the town. Mr. Chambers has a nice residence in the aristocratic part of the town. The Alabama Baptist State Convention convenes here on the 8th., inst. It will be a notable body of men representing much of the brain and piety of the state. Among those of more or less renown will be Dr. Booth, of North Ala.; Dr. Dinkins, Selma; Rev. Barden, Taledega; Dr. Owens, Mobile; Dr. Tyler, Lowndersboro; Dr. Stokes, Montgomery; J. T. S. Brown, Rev. Pollard, Prof. Eason, Rev. S. L. Ross, Huntsville Rev. L. J. Green, Birmingham; Rev. W. C. Bradford, Tuscaloosa; Rev. T. L. Jordan, Birmingham; Dr. McAlpine, Montgomery; Rev. T. W. Walker, Birmingham; Rev. Silas Jones, Marion; Dr. Pettiford, Pres., of the colored Bank at Birmingham. Along with a galaxy of eminent divines among whom we will see Profs. W. T. Coleman, C. L. Fisher, Rev. Hardy, and others. Rev. Wm. Madison is making ample preparation for his guest. Rev. Madison is counted among the first ministers of the state, abounding in a clear knowledge of men and things, backed by much executive ability. The proceedings will be watched and facts and figures noting progress will be carefully chronicled for the readers of The Freeman.

Memphis Notes.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

A. J. Taylor, porter of the steamer City of Kansas, has regained his health. Samuel Harris, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, was buried on the 22d ult., and Mrs. Dove Jones and Albert Taylor were buried on the 28th. H. L. Talliferro, the shoemaker, is down with rheumatism. Two white men waylaid Henry Gaines, the grocer, and beat him pretty badly. The assault was made for the purpose of robbery. Being rather a difficult man to handle, Mr. Gaines managed to keep them busy until assistance arrived. Miss Matilda E. Kirk and Thomas Jackson were married on the 23d ult. at the home of the bride, 728 Walnut street. The ceremony was witnessed by many friends, and the wedding gifts were numerous. All their friends unite in wishing them a happy, prosperous sail on the matrimonial sea. The A. M. E. Conference, which met in Union City recently, made a few changes in the pulpits in this city. Rev. J. N. Abbey was made presiding elder over the Memphis district, while Rev. S. R. Reed was called from Nashville to fill his place at Avery Chapel. Rev. D. E. Asbury still occupies the sacred desk at St. Andrews Chapel, and Rev. J. M. Hall that at Providence Chapel. Rev. M. Z. Bickrum takes charge of St. James, and Rev. Lee Mitchell takes charge of the South Memphis district in Bro. Bickrum's stead. Rev. W. A. Lewis goes to Paris, Tenn., and Rev. Sim. Burton has charge of Little Bethel. Leave news for The Freeman with S. R. Saddle, 109 Beale street, or with the agent delivering your paper.

A Brilliant Affair.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.

A more brilliant affair has not been given in the City of Vapors this season than was witnessed at the celebration of the day set apart by the American pioneers for thanksgiving. The Odd Fellows' Auditorium was the scene of this unique entertainment, the occasion being a social hop under the auspices of the Vapor City Social Club. There were many guests present, and all enjoyed themselves to the uttermost. Lem Bogan received many compliments for his splendid management. The Sweet Moments Social Club spent a pleasant evening at their hall on Terrace street under the management of Prof. Willlams.

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NOTES OF FASHION.

Moire Persian, chinchilla, sable and mink are the standard trimming furs this season.

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Short evening wraps of ermine are considered very smart, but require very careful handling to keep them from soiling. Those of cloth or old brocade, often long enough to envelope the figure; are lined with thibet or white squirrel. Blue or silver fox is the swellest trimming for evening wraps, but either is quite expensive.

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Tails you win, heads you lose is chic this year! A cluster of tails is used for garniture on muffs, coats, scarf or colorettes to the exclusion of the heads worn several seasons past.

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Novelities in furs should be avoided by those who cannot afford to rejuvenate or get others every season. Their vogue only last that long as a usual thing.

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Fanciful designs require a great deal of cutting into the skins so they cannot be altered again. This applies to the collarettes with yoke of one fur and ruffle of another introduced this winter.

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Well dressed women avoid extreme styles and buy the short shoulder cape or collarette, the long cape and the twenty-seven inch coat. These are always good style and consequently always look well.

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For coats only seal and Pearsion lamb are permissable. For collarettes Persian lamb, chinchilla, Russian sable and ermine lead the list in costly kinds, with Hudson Bay sable and stone or black marten in the next price.

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Furs, to keep them looking "equal to new," in shop parlance, should be handled as little as possible, because they show finger marks. Never keep fur packed away in boxes, drawers, trunks, etc; it should always be hung on a hanger, for it wrinkles very easily A gentle beating or shaking with a combing afterward is a benefit to them and an aid to keep them in good condition. Don't hang fur that has been wet from being out in a rain or snow storm near a fire or register to dry; let it dry out at leisure in a decidedly cool room. Then beat all over lightly with a rattan on the hair side, shake and it will regain its pristine freshness.

Late Literary News.

What would you do if war should be declared to-morrow with a European power? How would it change your home life, the lives of your brothers and other relatives? How would it affect your business connections and business? What changes would it make in financial, city, state and nationel affairs? It is these interesting problems which a writer in the DECEMBER COSMOPOLITAN has undertaken to sketch under the heading of "A Brief History of Our Late War with Spain." at the same time vividly describing the exciting scenes which would attend the opening of hostilities. This same number of THE COSMOPOLITIAN has an article on "The Well dressed Woman." by Elsie de Wolfe, a contrast of the characters of Henry George and Charles A. Dana by John Brisben Walker, in another place "The Loves of Goethe," The "War of the Worlds," which has been so widely read, reaches its conclusion in an unexpected way.

In Honor Of Friends.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Miss Maud Isaacs, of 719 Speckert entertained a few friends Thanksgiving night. A sumptuous repast was served after the last quadrille. Those present were: Misses Ella B. Russell, Henrietta E. Adams, Gertie E. Jackson, Hallie Taylor, Julia Taylor and Dovie Logan of Lexington. Messrs Charles Pope, Spencer Taylor, Harry Merriwether, Nathan L. Levelle. Marshal Jackson, Thomas Miller, John Samuels.

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RICH, HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL

with all their undertakings, while those who neglect his advice are still laboring against poverty. Through his perfect knowledge of chemistry he can impart to you a secret that will overcome your enemies and win you friends. His aid and advice has often been solicted; the result has always been the securing of speedy and happy marriages and all your wishes. In love affairs he never fails. He has the secret of winning the affections of the opposite sex.

It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting ing in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Ave.; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This is to certify that I came to New York from Albany. I was a stranger in a strange city, out of work and out of money. I had no luck in anything I undertook. What to do I did not know. A friend advised me to go and see Dr. Shea. I did. He told me the cause of my troubles; he took me in and treated me as a brother. Through him I got a good position that very week. I had been to others; they took my money and did me no good. I bless the day I first met Dr. Shea. I would advise all in bad luck, sick or in trouble to go to him at once.
Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

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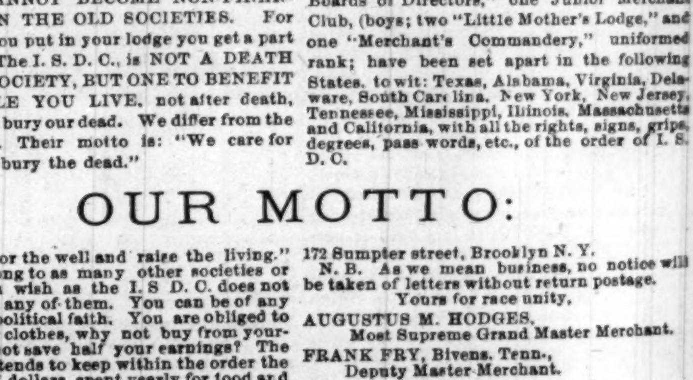

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CHAPTER XIV

Armed with this warrant, Brown returned to the barber shop to await the porter's return. He felt himself under lasting obligations to his friend, the barber who proved himself a friend in the time of need, and spent his waiting minutes expressing his gratitude.

"The joys of friendship—
The trust, security, and mutual tenderness,
The double joy, when both are glad of both;
Our only wealth, our last retreat and strength
Secure against fortune and the world."

Tom, the porter, returned on time and took our hero to the Empire Clothing store, where he introduced him to the manager in the following manner:

"Say, Mr. Watson! Here is the man I've been trying to get for months to help us out rush days. He's O. K. He's a personal friend of mine, and is study, honest, and knows every street in New York City, or Brooklyn, or Jersey City, or Williamsburg, or—or—in—in—"

"Hold your ponies, Tommie, that's enough for any one man to know. Has your friend a city reference?"

"Isn't my word enough? Have I been working here for six years to be doubted in a little matter like this? Where is the boss? Where is Mr. Draper? Why Mr. Watson, I didn't think you would insult me in that way or doubt my word. Why only last week I—"

"I do not doubt your word, Thomas; I only asked for a city reference as a mere matter of form."

Mr. Watson smiled as he continued:

"I do not doubt your word, Tom—beg pardon, Mr. Hymen—and will put your friend to work. Take him to the shipping clerk and tell him to put your friend to work."

Brown started to pull out his "city reference" (by proxy given as we know) but the manager winked at him with a laugh and shook his head "no." The smile and the shake of the head plainly told our hero that Mr. Watson was only vainly trying to call Mr. Tom Hymen's self-importance from its high throne. The business-like shipping clerk, after hearing Hymen's story and looking Brown twice over from head to foot, remarked:

"Call Mr. Watson here, please, Tom."

Tom remarked as he started for the manager:

"I'm indignified at the way this thing is going. Yes, you need not laugh and kee-hee; I am indignified; I wish the boss was here. The idea of all this here red tape agin' me cause I'm a colored man and porter, when I'm the second oldest hand in the house; I knows if Mr. Draper were here he'd not 'pute my word when I says this man is all O. K."

"Have you employed this man, Mr. Watson?" asked the shipping clerk, as that gentleman reached the desk.

"Yes, put him to work."

"What is your first name, the shipping clerk asked.

"Charles," replied Brown.

"Oh, we have four or five Charleses; what is your last name?"

"Brown."

"Just as bad—we have two Browns—have you no middle name?"

"One hardly ever used—one coined by myself, 'Forrester.'"

"Well, while you work here, you'll be known (at least by me) as Forrester. So Forrester, take out these packages."

He gave Brown ten packages of goods and a strap, remarking:

"We have no horse and wagon here, so you will have to ride on the cars. Here is fifty cents car fare. I have not looked over your list; if you need more use it out of your pocket money, and I will return it when you get back and—of course if you have any money left over, return it to this desk."

The shipping clerk smiled a knowing or at least an instructive smile and Brown returned a knowing or quick-to-catch-on cold look, took the goods and walked out. He was called back to put on a blue "cheese cutter" cap two sizes too large for him, with the words in gold letters, "Empire Clothing Store" on the front. As soon as he left the store, Brown, who had some knowledge of the location of the up-town streets, looked over his goods, and at once saw that he could reach all the places and use fifteen cents car fare, as they were almost all in a bunch. His conscience (held back by his poverty and reduced circumstances) did not tell him to return the change when he got back to the store, so he had thirty-five cents he reasoned was his own; by night he had one dollar and ten cents he called his own of left over car fare.

Hymen had told him that: "The old man pays an extra man two dollars a day, and I'll try and get you two and a half 'cause you are the best extra we have ever had."

Brown did not figure upon the extra half dollar, but did enter in his mental cash book that night: "Cash in hand $3.10." The day's work was done. He had not seen Mr. Draper to know him during the time, but rightly concluded that the little sharp-eyed business-like man in the office, who was paying off the employees was he.

"Come this way, Forrester, and get your money," said the manager. Mr. Draper, here is the extra delivery man I employed to-day—smart fellow; I think we'd better try to hold on to him, for next week you know, is Christmas week," he said in a whisper.

Mr. Draper looked at Brown over his glasses and remarked:

"We have only been keeping one man—that's Tom, but as our business is growing we may some time in the future—say next spring—need two men; in that case if you were suitable and did not have employment, we would take you. Tom has been with us ever since the store opened, but as he has lately taken to drink I some times think of making a change. Any way, you come in Monday and bring your city references with you and we will see about—"

"I have a city reference with me," said Brown, pulling out several letters from his inside coat pocket. Mr. Draper was always impressed by business-like moves. He at once remarked: "That's business—let's look at them."

Brown handed him Mrs. Plympton's letter which he read several times. Mr. Draper was a New England man—a self-made man—a man who was always anxious to move in the circles of the rich ann noted people. He was not in the "400" society, but was rapidly climbing the ladder of wealth, knowing when he reached the top he could enter society. He at once saw from the printed society paper and the location of the address, that Mrs. Plympton was one of the leaders of New York's best, richest and most fashionable society.

"Why you don't say that you worked for my friend, Mrs. Plympton? Why I know her personally."

"Whatever Mrs. Plympton says in the letter about me," remarked Brown, who had given the letter to Mr. Draper sealed, "she will verify if you call to see her."

"Well, young man, if you have worked for her—that is for Mrs. Plympton, you will suit us. Come to work Monday morning; we will give you two week's work any how and perhaps more, but I can't promise that now. Here's your money for to-day," he concluded handing Brown two one dollar bills. Before our hero could take them, however, Mr. Draper drew them back, and asked Mr. Watson: "What time did he come to work?"

"About three o'clock."

"Well, then, young man," said Mr. Draper, drawing back one dollar, "here's one dollar and a half; that's about right I guess."

Brown slowly said, "yes sir" and "thank you" and started away not feeling any two well pleased, when Draper called out: "Oh, what wages will you want per week?"

"I have never done this kind of work. You know sir, the standard price."

"Well, let me see; say eight dollars a week?"

This seemed to Brown big wages; still he did not jump at it for fear Mr. Draper, whose business-like moves had impressed him, would "Jew" him down. Neither did he hesitate too long for fear his prospective employer would say that he could or would get a cheaper man. Brown, therefore, after a minute's seemingly reflection remarked:

"Well, yes sir, as I have no family."

He spent the night with his friend, the barber, where during the night his sleep was full of bright dreams of the future. Joy, wealth and pleasure were his during the night.

I own estate with shady bowers
Enthroned upon a tropic isle,
With fragrant plants and fruits and flowers,
Heaven and nature's sweetest smile
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A host of servants in my train,
Who do my biddings through the night—
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Kalamazoo News.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Cyrus Stewart is very sick at her home on Kalamazoo avenue. Mrs. G. W. Stafford is on the sick list. Rev. and Mrs. Brown, of Bangor, Mich., spent a few days in the city last week. Rev. Brown delivered an excellent sermon at the Second Baptist church Sunday evening. Miss Olive Cooper, of Grand Rapids, is in the city for an indefinite stay. Miss Myrtie, who has been very sick, is convalescent. Messrs. H. H. Tillman, T. M. Hill, H. Bailey and W. Burton, officers of St. John Commandery No. 5, left for Battle Creek Monday for the purpose of setting up a Chapter and Commandery in that city.

Personal and News Notes.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

T. Murray was quite sick last week. It is said that Charles Parish will soon embark in the undertaking business. A. N. Johnson, a popular undertaker of Mobile, Ala., who, with his family, has has been visiting his mother, Mrs. M. Moore, on Thirteenth street, has returned home. Rev. J. J. Jordan, pastor of Union Baptist Church, West End, has returned to the city. Mrs. Annie Jefferson has been on the sick list the past week. Ivy C. Parish dropped dead at his undertaking establishment Friday evening, Nov. 27. His death was a shock to the community. He was about 45 years old and leaves a widow and three sons. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church. Rev. C. L. Harris, the pastor, officiated and paid many beautiful tributes to the character of the deceased. Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Mitchell lost their infant girl Wednesday night, November 24. A. D. Washington, who teaches school eight miles south of the city, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in the city. Rev. W. H. Jernagin has gone to West Side, Miss., to take charge of the laundry department of the A. and M. College. Rev. A. Goodwin, of Shuqualak, Miss., appointed missionary from the Second and Meridian New Hope Association, arrived in the city Nov. 20, and on the 21st he preached at New Hope Baptist church at 7:30 to a large congregation. On the 25th he preached at Pilgrim's Progress Baptist Church, East End. Charles Davis was arrested for striking his wife over the head with a chair. The colored churches in Meridian were well attended on Thanksgiving day. Rev. J. L. Wilson preached at St. Paul M. E. Church at 11 a. m., Rev. H. W. Feathstone (white) preached at 3 p. m., and Rev. J. C. Hibbler, the pastor, occupied the pulpit at 7:30. Rev. C. A. Riven, of New Hope Baptist Church, occupied his pulpit Sunday, Nov. 28, during the day.

News in Brief.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., Special.

Sunday, the 28th ult., was "red letter" day at the First Baptist Church. That day marked the beginning of the second year of the pastorate of the genial and whole-souled Rev. T. J. Story. At 11 a. m. Rev. C. W. Norman, of the A. M. E. Church, delivered an eloquent and forceful sermon. At 3 p. m., Rev. J. W. Richmond, of the M. E. Church, ably filled the stand. At night the pastor preached a soul-thrilling sermon. Large and appreciative audiences were present at all these services; $53 51 were given to the cause. Rev. Story has been eminently successful since he has been here and is making himself felt as a power for good in this community. Your representative has now secured the entire faculty of the public school at this place as subscribers to The Freeman. Mrs. Rethie James, who has been visiting her parents here, left on the 27th ult. for her home in Chicago. Miss Mary Nesbitt accompanied her. The farmers are still bringing in cotton. The cotton crop in this section has been immense. It is estimated that the output in this county will be between 7,000 and 8,000 bales. In this section Ham is a potent factor in the production of this staple, and is consequently all smiles. Miss Carrie M. Lewis has closed a most successful school term at Cainsville and has returned to her home in this city.

Miss Josie Lehorn, who has been quite ill, is convalescent. S. H. Hendrick's residence in the north end is nearing completion. W. M. Bibb, the old, reliable shoemaker, is doing a rushing business at his stand where he has been holding forth for the last twenty-three years. J. M. Windrow and wife, of Patterson, were in the city a short while Saturday. Rev. Marchbanks, of Tullahoma, is conducting a revival at Mt. Zion during the absence of the pastor.

Upper Alton News.

Upper Alton, Ill., Special.

Elder DePugn is still on the sick list. His daughter, Mrs. Jessie Woods, of Springfield, Ill., is visiting at his home. Miss Pearl Irene Howard, of this city, died Thanksgiving morning. She was buried Sunday in the Oakwood cemetery at 2:30 p. m. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Holmes, of Lincoln, Ill. Miss Howard was fourteen years of age, and was secretary of the Allen Chapel Sunday-school. She leaves a father, a brother, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Miss Ada May Jackson, of Sparta, Ill., is visiting her father, Wade Jackson. Miss Etta Holman has returned from St. Louis and will spend the winter at home. Mrs. Frances James, of St. Louis, was visiting Miss Cora Peair. Charlie Summers has come to Upper Alton, where he will attend the public school. Mrs. Jennie Shaw and husband are delighted over their thireen-pound baby boy.

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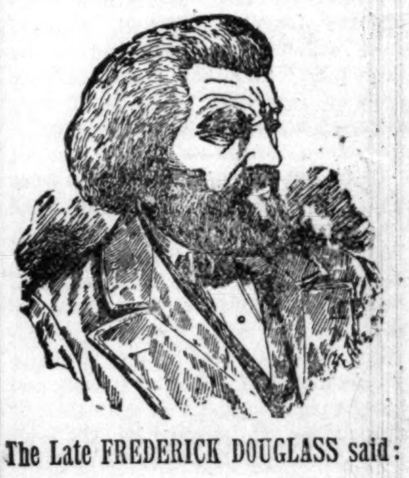

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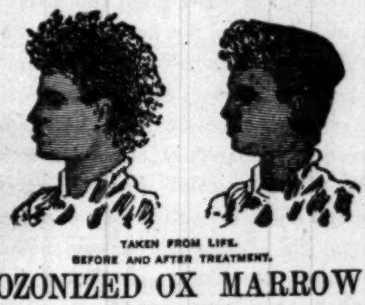

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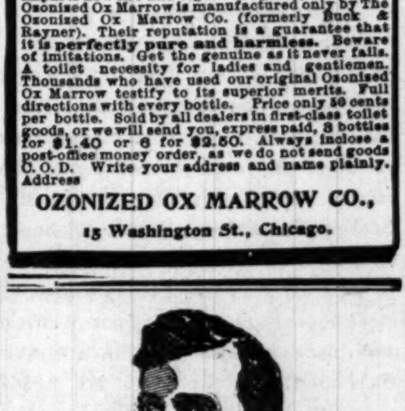

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's Message is before the country, and doubtless every line of the lengthy article will be voraciously devoured. The Cuban situation occupies a very large part of the document, the President showing his appreciation of public sentiment in the matter in the very exhaustive way he treats the subject. The close student of the times could have fairly predicted every position assumed by the President as President. He does not differ essentially from the stand taken by his predecessors in that the Cubans in their warfare have not arisen to the dignity of belligerents. They, he says, hold no ports, cities, etc.; they have no tangible government, all of which are necessary before they can be considered as belligerents. He feels that they are simply rebellious subjects who should submit to the new order of things and await Spain's pleasure in giving promise of relief. The Cubans can gain no comfort from the message. He, the President, sets himself down as opposed to some methods put in practice by Weyler. He speaks of bimetallism, but gives no assurance of any results that look toward an international agreement upon the subject. He feels that Hawaii should become an integral part of this country in accordance with a treaty signed by representatives of both governments. He touches with discriminate care on the other more pertinent subjects as relating to the government, and, last but not least, the civil service feature is treated in a manner that may be considered fair from a presidential standpoint, and may be considered as favorable to the "pros" and "cons." He promises to unscrew the tension in places where it is to the best interest to do so, but, on the other hand, proposes to strengthen the system where it may need it. It is therefore possible that in the general summary a result may be attained that will please those who are not extremists on the civil service idea as in vogue. The message is a well-written, readable document. It keeps pace with the interest excited out of curiosity for his views. However, his views were duly anticipated and nothing startling is gleaned from them. But as they surely and certainly come from the President, it puts a value on them that could not obtain if spoken by other men. The country at large will find small reason to take exception to any part of it.

WHEN men rise to positions of great prominence personal liberty is no longer a plea for licentiousness. The people, who are the props and stays of such individuals, expect good reports from their clients. Rumor now comes that our only poet is succumbing to the seductive cup. A denial is not a necessity, but a toning up to the full pitch of his prominence is absolutely necessary. It is not necessary to cite eminent examples of by-gone days. The people expect no excuses whatever. Public men must act as becomes those who blaze the way.

GERMANY DEFIANT.

The very unexpected has happened in the relationship between Germany and Hayti. From this distance the aggressor in the matter can hardly be determined, but Germany has it in her power to be lenient to this vastly weaker power without suffering in dignity. King William is not bent upon an entente cordiale existing between the two countries, but has carried the affair to exasperating extremities. It is the first time the young Kaiser has had the opportunity to show his hand in the affairs of the New World, and he is thundering in the index. He not only demands indemnity but insists that the meager, little black republic pay for fitting out cruisers to bombard its own ports. He is treading the boards in a frenzy, annihilating all who in any manner give sympathy to the Haytians. He has changed the personnel of the home office that had the matter in charge, claiming that the secretary was lukewarm in the matter It is evident that the new ruler of the destinies of the German Empire is teaching the United States a great lesson on the Monroe doctrine theory, which he has been aching to do for some time. He sympathizes with Spain, doubtless, and considers the English gudgeons for allowing American to interfere in the Venezuelan affair. At any rate, he is showing a bristling front, and what's more, when the showdown comes the Kaiser will be the only one "in it." The United States perhaps could not risk a war for a little, insurrectionary republic, but might offer its services in the way of arbitration, for this matter is no more than a piece of high-handedism, and Germany might be in better business. Germany is sole accuser, judge and jury, and the little republic gets the hot end of the bargain with scarcely a protest in its favor, and right here comes in the disadvantage of being small and insignificant. If it had not been for Mr. Powell's personal endeavors in securing the liberty of Lueders the chances are that Hayti would before long live in the memory of man only, or else the Kaiser would have saddled his forces on the island and a Dutch-German dependency would be the swift consequence. It is hardly likely that he will relent in his merciless decision, and Hayti must pay dearly for what it considered its constitutional privileges.

HON. B K. BRUCE has been appointed Register of the Treasury by the President. The fitness of Mr. Bruce has long been understood. He stands as one of the very eminent men of the race of to-day. We feel that if Mr. Bruce desired the position it should have gone to him without much ado. It is hardly the correct thing to see our most honored men jostled out of time and place because they have served their country in the past. Mr. Bruce is not an old man by any means, and if he were he should go down to his grave full of honors as well as years. We feel that he can not be too highly honored for his distinguished worth. We feel that Mr. McKinley has chosen well.

IT IS said that Col. B. M. Blackburn, editor of the Atlanta Commercial, is a candidate for Congress. He hopes to win because he advocates lynching. It goes without saying that most profound interest will be centered in his candidacy, for in it lies the question whether the section is spontaneously inflamed by uncontrollable passions arising from the heinousness of the crimes or a deep-settled conviction as to the mode of punishment for certain offenses.

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A MIGHTY ORGANIZATION.

Plans which have for a long time been considered and which have been slowly maturing, are now rapidly being perfected whereby the colored people of the United States are to be united into one great organization looking to the betterment of their race. The organization, which is to be purely of a political character and thoroughly national in its scope, is to draw for its membership upon every State and Territory in the Union. This organization, it is intended by its projectors, will go before the next Republican convention through its representatives, who presenting the message of the body will ask that such recognition be given them as a people and that such legislation be promised them as, in the opinion of the managers of the organization, is due them. The movement is being led and championed by Mr. George A. Myers, of Cleveland, O. Associated with him are Senator Bruce, of Mississippi, John P. Green, of Washington, and many other prominent colored men throughout the country.

The organization is already well under way, every State and Territory having its workers in the field. A meeting of the leaders and those interested is to be held in Washington during the coming session of Congress, when the organization will be perfected. At this meeting the organizers now at work in every section of the country will be present and report the progress made, offer suggestions and receive instructions.

The movement clearly overshadows every political movement heretofore made by the colored men of this country The scope of the new organization is to be made so broad as to take in every colored voter in the Union. The objects to be attained are to be purely legitimate It will be insisted that the rights of the colored race be respected and the protection of law be granted. The colored people heretofore in all matters of race concern have sadly lacked in unity. The idea of the promoters of the new political power is to amalgamate or consolidate the various forces into one great party having as its object the uplifting and betterment of the colored race in the United States.

The leaders of the new movement look to see the organization take an important part at future national conventions of the Republican party, and are fully assured and confident of mustering the full strength of their race in time for the campaign of 1900.—The News and Herald, Cleveland, O.

Recent and transpiring events go a great ways in demonstrating the fact that concerted action on the part of the race on some such lines as indicated in the above is a necessity. That unity of feeling that should make the affairs of the country the common, unbiased interest of all the people perhaps has not obtained to that degree wherein it is safe to trust the fortunes of the race to the fickle-minded goddess of chance.

The plea for race leadership is a righteous one, and will be as long as there remain traces of lines of demarkation which tend to separate the Union into parts to the detriment of a part or parts. The weak gains by concentrated effort only. The labor guilds that honeycomb the land are so many witnesses of the above-stated proposition. These combine on the slightest pretext against what they consider their inveterate and natural foe—capital. Doubtless in many instances their zeal is mistaken, but it points a moral as well as adorns a tale. These people do not suffer from race proscription, nor are they screwed down by any of the hard conditions that make life so intolorable to the colored race, yet they incessantly wage a warfare with the visionary or realistic foe. It is true that organizations of the character outlined have time and again sprung into existence simply to die after an abortive attempt to live. The efforts, however, were praiseworthy, and very aptly attest the wisdom of those who have gone before. But notwithstanding the fatality that has followed them all, there remains abundant reason to expect this scheme to flourish under the leadership of such invincible champions as B. K. Bruce, Geo. A. Myers, Jno. P. Green and other eminent men of other States. The grand old party known as the party of principles, honor and humanity, stands yet as the mediator between the colored man's condition and his future hopes and aspirations. If for any reasons opinions to the contrary are gaining ground it should be left to the brains and intellect of the race to press home these truths to the party, amply supported by the rank and file, in order that it may return to the first principles if there stands the necessity. For it may be that in the hurly-burly of office-getting the means and individual who made the conditions possible are neglected. It may be that measures are not advocated and legislated that have in mind the toning up of the nation as a whole. If such be the case redress and remedial activities can best be brought about by amassing the power in the hands of the delegated few who are the trusted and honored representatives of the masses. In view of the noted apathy it can not be seen why leaders of the race can not convert their race love into hard coin and meet whenever and wherever it seems best in order to map out such plans of procedure. The whole country is alive to the fact that there is a missing element in the march of prosperity; what it is or where it is might be left to the wisdom and judgment of those who, by reason of long experience, mature years and gift or cultivation of intellect, have a right to be in the van.

GEORGIA celebrated its Thanksgiving by lynching a couple of Negroes. One was accused of stealing a mule. This offense could not be classified in the category of unmentionable crimes, yet the usual penalty was meted out. Esau is wedded to his idol.

THE VOICE OF THE PRESS.

Birmingham, Ala., carries the color line to its street cars. The haughty Southerner refuses to occupy the same conveyance that hauls the colored passenger.

Colored boys were denied the privilege of selling the Atlanta Journal last week for fear of spreading the smallpox. On this principle white boys should be stopped because they might scatter that most dreaded of all diseases, yellow fever. It is noticeable that but few intelligent Negroes are now reading the Journal. After all, we have more respect for smallpox and yellow fever than for Southern caste, for they draw no race line, but treat all men alike.—Southern Christian Recorder.

Character, courage and common sense win, in the long run, even against the stupid intolerance of race prejudice. Witness the visit of Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee, Ala., Normal and Industrial Institute to the South Georgia State Fair, at Thomasville The mayor of the city formally offered him the freedom of the city and called upon him, together with the city council, the white clergy and the leading business and professional men of Thomasville, to pay their respects. At the fair grounds where he spoke, the white women, as well as the men, were largely in evidence and vied with the colored citizens in welcoming this young Negro who has most clearly seen "the way out" for his people in the South, and resisted all manner of temptation to swerve an inch therefrom.—Commercial, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Chambersburg Brevetles.

Chambersburg, Pa., Special.

Little Misses Mary Lee and Viola Wilson will sing a duet at the concert of the Willing Workers, entitled "The Convict." Dr. John P. Sampson, P. E. of the Lancasher Dist., filled the pulpit at St. James church Sunday morning, in the evening the Rev. Joseph Stiles pastor of said church preached from Prov., 23, 23. "Love the truth and sell it not." Miss M. Christian is in St. James choir again. "Does prayer alone deliver us from temptation," was the subject of the paper read by Miss Miss Laura L. Haller, on Tuesday evening Nov., 16th, 1897 in St. James church South Main street. The Willing Workers of St. James A.M.E.Church, had a very interesting meeting Thursday night Dec. 2nd at the cozy home of Miss M. R Compton, West Catherine street at which time the following officers were elected: Miss Duffen, Pres.; Miss M. R. Compton, Vice; Miss Bray, Sect'y.; Miss Braxton, assistant Sect'y.; Mrs. Rachel Johnston Barton, Recording Sect'y Miss Laura L. Haller, Treasurer. Mrs. Ellen Jones is very sick at home East Washington St.

A Pleasant Social.

Glasgow, Ky., Special.

A pleasant social was given at the residence of Stephen Landrum Thursday evening, Nov. 25, which was heartily enjoyed by all who were present. Among the participants were: Misses L. A. Travis, Mary Wilson, H. B. Harlow, Mattie Childress, Lizzie Wilson, Lillie Landrum, Katie Baker; Messrs. V. W Dunn, Wheeler Wade, William Cosby, John Hudgens, S. T. Duerson, Lewis Matthews, W. D. Wells.

Decided in His Favor.

Troy, Tenn., Special.

Frank Brown, the oldest son of Enoch Brown, recently brought home from Arkansas, died here the 27th and was buried on the 28th. The community extends sympathy to the bereaved family. Mrs. Kate Jones of Paducah, Ky., was here last week visiting her aged father, Washington Crockett, better known as "Uncle Wash," is spending the sunset of his life in his cosy little home in North Troy. Laurence Cochran, the jolly school boy, who has been very ill for the last few weeks, has recovered. Horace Hoard received intelligence last week that the contested will of his sister, the late Nancy Fairfax of Houston, Tex., made to him early in the year was for the second time decided in his favor by the courts. Father Hoard is a respected citizen, a skilled mechanic, and already owns a comfortable home. The value of the real estate and bank notes willed to him will probably amount to $5000.

Among the Churches.

Milwaukee, Wis., Special.

Last Sunday at the A. M. E. Church Rev. Higgins preached a spiritual sermon from the fifth chapter, 11th verse of Acts to a large audience. The pastor deserves and holds the highest esteem of his congregation and the general public. After services were concluded L. Palmer read his annual report, which was very satisfactory, showing the church to be entirely out of debt. A collection was made for the benefit of one of the oldest members. At Salem Baptist Church Rev. Odem preached from the seventh chapter and 24th verse of Romans. The sermon was an able one. Sacrament was partaken of by the members. We are glad to state that the citizens of Milwaukee are giving aid to the Baptist Church. One has donated $50 to the church. The concert given by Salem Baptist Church under direction of Miss Martha Carter was a financial and social success. Mrs. Green, of 178 Sixth street, has opened a first-class boarding house. Sheldon M. Minor has been tendered a prominent position. We feel proud to have our young men sought after. Albert Smith has been appointed secretary in Mr. Montgomery's Helping Hand office. The Black Patti Troubadours took the city by storm. Standing room was at a premium. Mme. Sissieretta Jones was at the Republican house.

Tried for Theft.

Columbus, O., Special.

Alice and Nettie Stewart, two colored girls, pleaded guilty to stealing 500 pounds of coal from the C. S. & H. R R. and were fined $10 and cost each, and two white boys who pleaded guilty to stealing 200 pounds of coal from the same railroad company the same day were fined by being placed in the city prison four hours. That is justice as meted out by our police judge. There seems to be some trouble in the Ninth Batallion Ohio National Guards. It is said that Major Fillmore, the commanding officer, had the governor to remove Capt. W. A. Thomas, rifle inspector. W. A. Hodges the chef who took charge of the kitchen of the Hotel Chittenden the first of October, has gone back to New York taking all of his assistance with him. Isabel H. Murton, the child preacher, will hold a series of meetings at Mt. Vernon Street A. M. E. church. Mrs. Austin of Lafayette street is very ill. Chas. Williams of Brier street is on the sick list. Mr. Lax is on the sick list. Ernest Dove is getting better. Ed. Tripp, proprietor of the Hotel Triplett, who, it is said, has become financially involved, has left for parts unknown. A large concourse of people attended the funeral of Emory Nickens at the St. Paul A. M. E. church Dec. 6. The deceased was seventeen years old, and had a large circle of friends. He was for some time past employed as elevator boy at the Y. M. C. A., but gave up that position to attend High School. Sol. T. White the leader of the famous Sells Bros. band, has returned home for the winter. Booker T. Washington will lecture here next month. George Winters of Hilliard, and Thomas Grases had reunion last Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Anna Bell of South Third street, has company from Cincinnati. The Coachmen's Club will give an opening next week. Hotel Triplett arrivals: Wm. Stewart, Toledo; T. Smith, Jefferson; James Bolden, Pittsburg, Ga.; Thomas Jones, Staunton, W. Va; T. Harris, Texarkana, Tex.; W. Dean, St. Louis, Mo.; James Harris, Cleveland; E. J. Smith, Lancaster; Wm. Turner, New York; W. Pope, Circleville.

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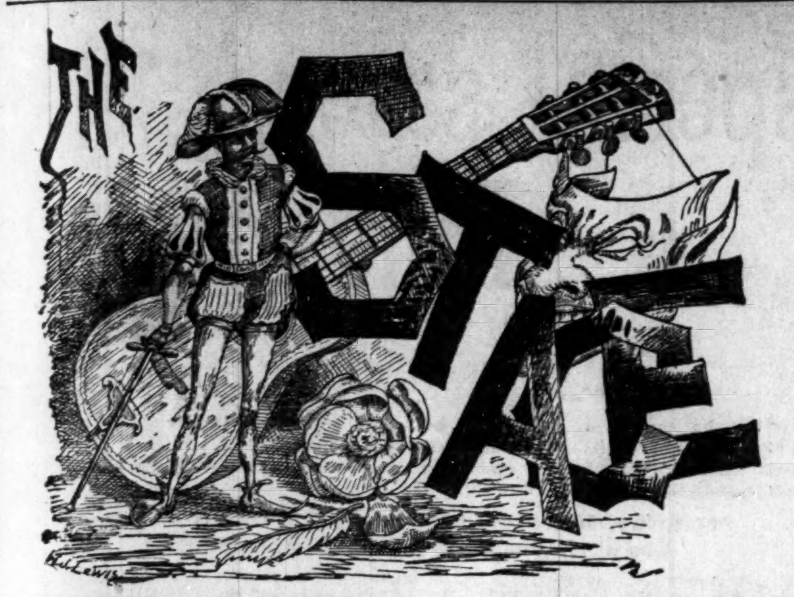

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Cobb and Owens have been engaged as dance and cake walk artists in the Rosenfield's Vaudeville and Minstrel Company.

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Harry Fidler, the great colored mimic, with Al. G. Fields Real Negro Minstrels keeps the audience in a continuous uproar.

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Henry Troy, one of the best tenor singers of the South, joined Richard and Pringles' Georgia Minstrels, at Birmingham, Ala.

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The Cincinnati Enquirer, recently said "Mahara's Minstrels is the best dressed colored show people ever seen in Cincinnati."

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Cornelius Schofield Turner has written a "coon" song entitled "I went Up Stair and Rattled The Knob" which is certainly "hot stuff."

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Gus Hall, baritone soloist, with Black Patti's Troubadours, spent several hours with relatives in Indianapolis, Friday of last week.

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Little Bessie Gilliam, the "Black Lucy Daly" will join the Gilliams—Harry and Edna, next week and will be known as the "Afro American Comedy trio."

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James White, singing and dancing comedian, late of Richard and Pringles' Georgia Minstrels, is now with George's Operatic Minstrels and Georgia Graduates united.

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George Moxley, stage director with Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels, spent two days in Indianapolis last week, the guest of his brother, Joseph Timberlake, at the Spencer House.

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Cornelius Schofield Turner actor and author, is spending the winter at his home in Indianapolis. Mr. Turner has written several good plays some of which will be produced the coming season.

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John Howard, interlocutor, of Richards and Pringles Georgia Ministels, closed with the organization at Savannah, Ga. J. Ed. Green, manager of the Diamond Quartette, now fills the middle.

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The Gilliams—Harry and Edna, writes to inform us that they have not closed with the Nashville Students as stated in our last issue, adding that "Manager P. T. Wright says we are to good to loose" and that they will remain the balance of the season.

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Isham's "Octoroons" with Mme. Flower, Fred Piper, Madah Hyer, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh, Tommy Carter, Misses Stella Wiley, Jennie Scheppar and Marion Henry, the Mallory Bros., Smart and Williams and a host of others were at the Park Theatre, Indianapolis the first half of the current week, playing to excellent business.

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D. B. Rice professional musician who was for twelve years connected with Richard and Pringles Georgias is now residing in Clarksville, Tenn., conducting a first class barber shop. Mr. Rice has organized a juvenile band of twenty and is training them to perfection. Regards to all my friends and would like to hear from John H. Grant the K. J.

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The Meredith Sisters will join Isham's "Octoroons", at Chicago.

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Oscar Paul, basso profundo, last season with "Darkest America," is making big hits with his solo work, with L. W. Washburn's Double Minstrels.

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Notes from Richards and Pringles' Georgia Minstrels—"The Georgias new car met us at St. Louis, Mo., and it certainly is a thing of beauty. Our Thanksgiving dinner was immense, turkey and cranberry sauce predominated Mr. J. Ed. Green of the Diamond Quartette met with a serious accident during our engagement at Aberdeen, Miss., recently, but at this writing is in pretty good shape. Mrs. Billy Kersands joined us at Birmingham. The Diamond Quartette are great favorites in this section of the country and the applause they receive is most generous.

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Paul C. Floyd, of Hillman and Floyd singing comedians, with Washburn's Double Minstrels, sends the following: "All is well with us. Albert Bailey is making a big hit in his specialty singing 'All Coons Look Alike to Me' Lon Hall and Sam Horner in their new act entitled 'The Brutal Brothers' are recieving thundering applause. Hall is a lad, and is making rapid progress as a comedian. The Hoosier State Quartette was entertained by Mrs. J. L. Snowden while in Jamestown, N. Y. The entire colored contingent was royally entertained by Robt. Robinson while in Williamsport, Pa. I. W. Warden, late chef of Al G. Fields' White Minstrels is our worthy chef. He is only competent of filling the position until the morning that we have cakes— Come out on the ground. G. A. Hillman, and P. C. Floyp sends regards to R. B Shelton, Gus Hall, Jno Tolliver and J. W. Hunter. The colored band, under the leadership of Prof. H. G. Brown, is getting its share of the applause. Following is the roster: Prof. H. G. Brown, leader, Eb clarionet band and orchestra; Henry McCampbell, solo Bb cornet band; Samhel Johnson, 1st Bb cornet band; James Moore, solo, alto; Charlie Williams, 2nd alto; Albert Bailey, euphonium; Harry Masengale, 1st Trombone; Fad Page, 2nd trombone; Beulah Chambers, Eb tuba; Skip Fand, snare drum band and orchestra; [illegible]car Paul, cymbals; Lon Hall, bass drum, Fred Ward, drum major.

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R. W. Thompson, of Washington, D C., writes: "The ever-increasing array of Afro-Americans now bidding for favor behind the theatrical footlights brings to mind that no city in the Union has contributed more largely to the aggregate than Indianapolis. The Hoosier capital, prolific in all things that point to enterprise and up-to-date departures, is the home of many of the brightest and best comedians, singers, dancers and sketch artists now on the road, and is fostering a phalanx of talented amateurs who will yet be heard from by the country. The following is a partial list of the prominent Indianapolitans who are now "in the business," scattered about in the various vaudeville organizations or doing individual dates: Tom Brown, "Billy" McClain, R. Byron Shelton, J. Harry Fidler, Harry Brown, Fred Simpson, Major Daniels, Luella Babbage (Dora Dean), Lizzie Pugh-Dougan, Edna Gist, Lizzie Snell-Scott, Paul C. Floyd, Will Goodall, Willie Riley, Mamie Smith, J. A. Watts, Heywood Wooten, Will Hunt, J. W. Hunter, Gus Hall, John Tolliver, James White, James Ashley, George Temple, Noble Jefferson, Dan Palmer, Will Cook, James Brown, Thomas Preston, Essie Fry Cook, Z. A. Coleman, W. H. Fletcher, Delma Blakemore, Cornelius S. Turner, Geo. A. Hillman. Rufus Scott and John Howard, prominent figures in the Thespian world, have joined the silent majority. Paul Laurence Dunbar was temporarily a resident of Indianapolis, and acted as managing editor of The World for several months. W. Frank Patterson, now of New Jersey, was also at one time numbered among the neighbors of ex-President Harrison. Can any city, not even excepting New York and Chicago, put up a showing half so remarkable—either as to numbers or ability? Indianapolis holds the record.

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CROWNED WITH SUCCESS.

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General W. L. Wilson, Mr. Carl Schurz and many others of more or less prominence.

Governor Johnston's address was one of congratulations for the state that pratical, scientific agriculture is to be taught the citizens of Alabama. He expressed the hope that the colored farmers would receive such inspiration from this new department that they would make the white farmers ashamed of themselves. He pledged his cordial support in every way that could be given.

Secretary Wilson's address was a practical effort. He dwelt upon the necessity of having the youth of the land learn a bit about the root of plants, as well as about the root of words. He facetiously referred to literary schools as "speaking colleges," and affirmed his belief that every man should know how to do with his hands as well as with his head. He advised diversity of crops and told how worn out soils could be regenerated and reclaimed. Eloquent and instructive, in every way, was this address of the Secretary, who was at his best. Ex-Governor Northern, School Commissioner Glenn and Dr. J. L. M. Curry also made short hopeful and helpful addresses. The choir rendered classic, patriotic and plantation songs and contributed appreciably to the interest of the occasion. Secretary Wilson said that he never heard such music before. And "there were others."

This occasion marked a distinct Epoch in the history of the Negro of the South. Here he is to be taught improved and advanced methods of tilling the soil, scientific dairying, horticulture, stock raising and truck gardening under the supervision of a competent instructor at the head of each of these departments.

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Booker T. Washington, with his paactical turn of mind, with his great desire to help and uplift the masses, may confidently expect in a few years to be turning out numbers of graduates who understand the latest methods of tilling the soil, and who shall know how to make farming pay The condition of the colored farmers in most places now is something almost deplorable. May many years of usefulness be spared Tuskegee's presiding genius is the hope of his associates and the race, we are sure, at large!

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec., 1st,, 1897

EMMET J. SCOTT.

BRUCE AGAIN AT THE HELM.

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dress last Sunday at the Second Baptist Lyceum. Mr. Cheatham's strong character and gentlemanly qualities, as well as his splendid executive capacity are impressing him more and more upon the people of Washington. He is a friend to progressive manhood, and is ever ready to encourage merit. We need such race leaders.

The musical directorship muddle has been settled by the appointment of Mrs. Alice Strange Davis. Mrs. Davis is an accomplished musician, and led in the competitive examination. An outgrowth of the contest is a $10,000 libel suit instituted by Candidate William M. Cook against Mrs. Mary Church-Terrell, a school trustee. Mr Cook alleges defamation of character. The affair is regarded with regret by the friends of each, and the hope is expressed that the trouble may be adjusted without further recourse to law.

R. W. THOMPSON,

December 5, 1897.

A Black Diplomat.

The most modifying thing to the German Government in connection with its difficulty with the Haitien Republic, says the Chicago Record, is not so much the fact that the latter should have conceded to the American Minister as an act of courtesy the release of the German subject Lueders, which Emperor William's envoy in vain had demanded as a right, but that its representative should have exposed himself to the humiliation of receiving a lesson in diplomatic etiquette and usage from a coal black Negro, although he happened to be the President of the Haitien Republic.

Emperor William's envoy at Port au Prince at the present moment is not a full-fledged Minister Plenipotentiary, but a charge d' affairs. Now the latter never are accredited to the sovereign, nor to the Executive, but merely to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the country in which they they are stationed, and if they have any dealings with the head of the state it is purely through courtesy of the latter.

When, therefore, young Count Schewerin visited the President of the Haitien Republic and in the name of his Government demanded in the most premptory manner the release of Lueders, the President interrupted him with the very pertinent observation that while he was perfectly ready to receive any social visits from the Count, yet he must decline absolutely to treat on any official affairs, since he was not accredited to the Chief Magistrate, but merely to the Minister of Foreign affairs.

"Had I known the object of your call," he added. "I certainly should have declined to receive you, and I have nothing further to say to you." That brought the interview to a close, leaving the Count in an altogether wrong position, since there is not a member of the diplomatic profession anywere in the world who will not at once perceive that the President of the Haitien Republic was perfectly right, and had the advantage over the German envoy in knowledge of diplomatic usage.

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Hon. A. S. White Grossly Insulted.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

John Murphy, an Irish policeman, who on election day, Nov. 2 usurped his official powers in trying to intimidate the Negro voters of the Eighth Ward and maliciously assaulted Hon. Albert S. White, aspirant as minister to Liberia, without any provocation, but merely for the purpose of trying to create a riot at the polls, answered ready for trial after three continuances in the police court Dec. 1. Our colored Attorney, Allen Ross, who is conducting the prosecution for Mr. White, entered the trial with a fearless and sensational arraignment, severe and vigorous of the police officers for wilful negligence in failing to serve the subpœnas or process for the prosecution. The officers twisted and turned, whispered and turned many colors while Mr. Ross roasted them in an eloquent manner, pointed and truthful, which caused Judge R. H. Thompson of the police court, an honest and fearless jurist to acknowledge the facts in the argument and roast the officers accused in a manner that they will ever remember. The attack on Mr. White was an outrage that will not be tolerated by the members of the Louisville bar, white or black, and as has been shown during the past few days to John Murphy (through the consent of Ireland) will believe as your correspondent believes that he believes that before he concludes his trials in the case that assaulting and insulting a law-abiding citizen without provocation is rather expensive. Mr. White has drawn first blood in the case, as the trial last Wednesday clearly showed by the evidence given that it was a clear case of assault and battery, and Murphy was held over to answer before the grand jury on bonds given by some of his friends. Besides this criminal prosecution, Mr. White, through his attorney, has filed a charge before the Board of Public Safety against Officer Murphy and has entered a suit in chancery for $10,000 against Murphy's bondsmen which has created quite a sensation in police circles. The habits of the police of Louisville in the past of clubbing Negroes into submission and the present fighting powers of S. A. White are now confronted, and will determine whether the Negroes of Louisville are to yield to the Irish Police clubs or be protected as other nationalities are protected. The employment of Attorney Ross to prosecute this case shows to what extent Mr. White has placed confidence in his race. The case will be pushed vigorously through every court till justice is meted out. The A. and M. Association held its second annual meeting and elected the following officers for 1898: Isaac Curtis, president; Junius Perkins, vice president; J. J. C. McKinley, secretary; J. W. Johnson, assistant secretary, and W. C. Mason treasurer. W. G. Moore, 1218 West Madison street, is agent for The Freeman; subscribe now. It is our opinion now that Great Ga-i-nes is for Hon. A. S. White, prospective minister to Liberia. Order the holiday edition—twelve pages of The Freeman from W. G. Moore. Don't miss it.

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A Social Gathering.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

The U.R. G. of C. Club gave a grand mask party at the residence of Miss Nannie Dix, 501 Wahington St., Nov., 27th, the evening was spent in game dancing and social chat. Among those present were Misses E. Johnson, S. Armstrong, H. Bibbs, W. Reesee, E. Metcalf Rovers. Messrs Ed. Moore, G. Wright, L. Steele, J. Oakley, S. Miller, R. E. Hill, and R. Cornel. Hon. G. W. Hill, J. Gill, Tom Coal and Clarence Storner are on the sick list. Mrs. Sarah Hill who has been sick several weeks is able to be out again. Mrs. Pheoby Slaughter died at her home 216 Poston St, after a long illness Merrot Steel and Miss Birdie Johnson were married at the home of the bride's mother on College St. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Storner, have returned to their home in Henderson, Ky., after a thort visit in the city. Miss Rosa Coleman of Ford St., is on the sick list. Ben West is home from Evansville, Ind. Misses Lula Meneese, Lucy Herron and Willie Herron of Nashville will visit the queen city during the holidays.

The Close of a Useful Life.

Jefferson City, Mo., Special.

Since it is the will of an All-wise Providence that men shall die,—exhalted stations in life, high conception of duty, integrity of purpose, consecration of effort to the uplifting spirit of life,—none of these shall avail against the immutable will which decrees it. James Edward Taylor has closed a useful life that predicted a bright future. While we bow to the will of an All-wise God, we cannot but regret the necessity which removed from our midst the strong heart of this useful worker. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That, we the members of the Young Men's Christian Association of Lincoln Institute in mass meeting assembled, express our heartful sorrow at the death of James Edward Taylor, a young man of character and of unswerving christian institutions. Be it further

Resolved, That we condole with his bereaved relatives, and do hereby extend to them our tenderest sympathy in this hour of grief. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved relatives, bearing our prayers that strength and consolation be theirs throughout life. Committee.

THOMAS J. STEWART, Pres.
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JAMES E. ERVING.

Circleville Notes.

Circleville, O., Special.

Uncle Jerry Henderson, who has been ailing for a number of years is growing much worse, his mind is very much affected and he seldom knows his nearest friend.s Mrs. Chas. Blake is on the sick list. The family of Mr. Wm. Bass are convalescent. The A. M. E. S. S. is arranging a special program for Dec. 26th, under the management of Miss Miner Steward. The men of the A. M. E. church gave an entertainment the 9th, for the benefit of the trustees, who have had natural Gas piped in the church. The Thornton House is still doing a rushing business. To-morrow is grand rally at St. Paul all are expected to bring in their envelopes with something in them, the members want to raise $100.00.

Keokuk Gleanings.

Keokuk, Iowa, Speca .

The semi-annual election of officers of the Y. P. S. C. E. will take place at Bethel Church Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 o'clock. The president urges a full attendance. The choir sang last Sunday under some disadvantages owing to the indisposition of the leader, Mrs. M. Woodard. Lawyer William Mott contemplated going to Oklahoma to locate, but changed his mind and decided to remain in Keokuk a while longer. Class No. 7 of Bethel Sunday-school gave a concert Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Tillman, assisted by Miss Florence Jackson as organist. Mrs. Mary J. Dove will occupy the pulpit at Bethel Sunday, Dec. 12. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to be present. The order of Masons is preparing to give a grand entertainment Dec. 27 at the hall of the Knights of Tabor. C. H. Brooks returned to the city last Wednesday. Remember the date of the Christmas dinner to be served at Bethel Church by the Anchor Club, Mrs. Woodard, president. Those who attended services at the Seventh Street Baptist Church Sunday evening enjoyed excellent music rendered by the choir under the direction of Prof. L. J. Shelton, Mrs. Mayme Loman presiding at the organ. The young ladies and gentlemen of Seventh Street Baptist Church intend to give a first-class musicale soon. Rev. J. H. Nichols was in the city this week visiting his family. Mrs. Rosa Scott, of Chicago, is in the city, a guest at the home of John Washington.

Interesting Chicago Notes.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The graduating exercises of the nurses of Provident Hospital were held Tues. evening at Bethel Church. A large number of people attended from this side. Miss S. Pickett has been chosen as vocalist for the graduating exercises of the Ogden Avenue High School, she having received 104 out of 154 votes. The Willing Workers' Society will give a concert at St. Stephen's A. M. E. Church Dec. 14. Admission 10c. The West Side Auxiliary met Thursday evening at Mrs. Rowl's, 811 Madison street. Great preparations are being made by St. Stephen's A. M. E. Sunday-school members for a Christmas Eve concert.

The second monthly song service of St. Stephen's Church was held Sunday evening, Dec. 5. An interesting program was rendered. The second anniversary and reception of the West Chicago Odd Fellows Lodge No. 3969, which was reported in last week's Freeman as having taken place, will be held Dec. 28 at People's Institute, on the southwest corner of Van Buren end Leavitt streets. Armant's orchestra has been secured for the occasion. Admission 50 cents, supper included. The mistake in the date made last week was, of course, unintentional. Seven persons joined the Methodist Church Sunday evening.

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New Albany, Ind., Special.

The John M. Langston Circle of the G. A R. was organized Friday by the colored ladies of New Albany. This is the only colored circle in the state and also the only one named in honor of a colored man. It was organized by Mrs. Catherine Hesse, Past National President of Circles of the G. A. R., and Colonel Cohann, Past National Post Commander of G. A. R. Following are the officers: Mrs. Martha Miller, president; Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, senior vice; Mrs. Emma L. Young, junior vice; Miss Mary L. Emery, secretary; Miss Fannie Young, guide; Miss Sarah B. Emery conductor; Mrs. Jane Truman, treasurer; Mrs. Julia Blocknell, chaplain. In appreciation of the works and deeds of the late Hon. John M. Langston, the club was named in his honor. Rev. Devol of Franklin preached an able sermon at the Second Baptist church last Sunday. Scott Warrs is much improved. Misses Jessie Clay, Lydia and Tillie Mitchem spent Thanksgiving here with relatives. Rev. J. E. Warren, pastor of State street M. E. church has recovered from a very severe spell of sickness. He reports his church in a prosperous condition. The Kremer quartet gave a concert at Jeffersonville Thursday night at Bethel A. M. E church. The Patriarch's entertainment was a success financially and socially. Unfortunately a fight occurred during the evening, and George Irving was cut by Albert Sims. Sims was arrested. Messrs. Clarence Tisdale and Cary Lewis and Miss G. Evans of Louisville, Ky., were in the city last week. The Kremer quartet of Southern Indiana, is making a great success with their songs throughout the state. They are under the management of Keller and Campbell. Next week they leave for Kentucky. Mrs. Anna Baker of West Eighth street was buried last Saturday from the Third street Baptist church, Rev. Manuel officiating. Quarterly meeting at Zion A. M. E. church, West Spring street, was largely attended. Rev. Jones of Jacob street, Louisville, preached an able sermon. Zion church here is wideawake. Several visiting ministers were present. Rev. Cherry is doing good work at Zion.

—No, Maude, dear zephys are not made in windmills.

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—It's hard for a really upright man to look dignified with a boil on the end of his nose.

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—Gusher—"I think we have met before." Grumbler—"Indeed! Well, if we ever did meet I'm sure it wasn't subsequently."

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—"The doctor and the legislator," says the Manayunk Philosopher, "are about alike; they are both anxious to amend the constitution."

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—Hoax—"I understand Jaggers is not to be trusted; that he is constantly breaking his word." Joax—Well, he can't help that." "Why?" "He stutters."

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—"What is is your friend crying for?" asked the Manayunk Philospher. "Aw, nottin," replied Matt Mackin; "when 'e gits a few drinks in 'im, 'e git soft and slops over."

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—"This man, your Honor," said the wife of the Legless Wonder, "refuses to support me." "It ain't so, Judge," replied the defendant; "she's just mad because she can't pull my leg."

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—Rolling stone No moss—"What's Weary goin' down South fur?" Ragson Tatters—"Lookin' fur werk." "What!!!", "Aw, don't be a jay. I ony' said 'lookin' fur it." He's a snow shoveler."

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—The wintry winds that blow,
They chill me to the soul;
For I really don't know,
Who'll trust me for my coal.

News From Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Special.

On last Friday eve the 12th, inst, the boiler to the engine used to heat the city hall exploded and did considerable damage to the basement, fortunately none of the occupants were hurt. "Avery Institute," the pride of Charleston, a school of our city is chiefly supported by the American Missionary Society now has four colored teachers all are young lady graduates from this institution, which reflect great credit on our alma mater. Mrs. J. L. McCoy the wife of Rev. J. L, McCoy left the city for Washington, D. C., where she will spend a few weeks with her parents and friends. J. F. Merrit a white man charged with a felonous assault upon his daughter, Anna Merrit, was dismissed by the jury of his countrymen. Policeman J. S. Budrot had an altercation with Christopher Robbins a clerk in a grocery store at the corner of Line and Phillip streets, resulting in Robbins getting cut on the arm and a stab in the side, Robbins is not expected to live and the policeman was not on duty. Both parties are white. A. Fenwick the man who got shot at the Edisto Phosphate works on the 13th, died on the 17th, from the affects of the wounds.

Thirteenth Columbia Calender.

For the thirteenth time the famous little Columbia Pad Calender makes its annual and welcome appearance. The 1898 issue is not only brightly illustrated, outside and inside, but filled with chosen thoughts, and verses from the army of Columbia riders, in all parts of the world who have contributed wise and witty sayings in abundance.

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Yours sincnrely,
Richard Hill.

Items of Interest.

Troy, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Emily Hoard and daughter, Mrs. A. L. P. Brown, H. L. Brown and Prof. W. G. Webster made a flying trip to Union City last Sunday, visiting the A. M. E. annual conference. They report a delightful time. The sermon delivered at 11 a. m. by Dr. Abbey was scholarly and eloquent. H. D. Hoard, Troy's best bicyclist, rode over to Union City on his wheel last Sunday. We do not know whether it was the conference or the other attraction from Trenton, Tenn., that prompted him to take the ride—probably the latter. Rev. N.H. Sanders, pastor of the Baptist church of this place, preached the Thanksgiving sermon at Harris Station, Tenn. He is admirably fitted both by nature and acquirements for his work and is loved by his people. Prof. W. G. Webster spent Thanksgiving in Fulton, Ky. H. D. Hoard recently purchased a tandem wheel. S. M. Brown, with his wife, mother and little Edith, left recently for Lagrange, Ark. Allen Brown, Andrew Moffett and Prof. S. P. Scruggs have also gone to the same place. Horace Hoard killed four hogs ranging in weight from 250 to 300 pounds. Isaac Cochran, one of our most successful farmers, has just finished sowing a large crop of wheat. The Albion County Teachers' Association of this State convenes December 4 at Union City. Prof. T. McMakin, principal of the Union City public school, is the learned and worthy president. Prof. W. G. Webster, principal of the Troy public school, is secretary. A full attendance is expected, as several interesting topics are to be discussed.

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A Pleasant Affair.

McMinnville, Tenn., Special.

Mt. Zion Baptist church had a rally on the 28th, inst, and raised the handsome amount of $51,73. The church is active and doing a great work under the leadership of Rev. D, A. Holt. Sunday night the pastor selected his text from Jer., 12, 9. Theme; "The speckle bird." A soul stirring time was had on Monday night, Club No., 3, lead by brother J. H. Huggins, met at his residence with a good attendence. Rev. C, A. Holt made quite an encouraging talk, and said the club was in union, he spoke on unity. A fine cake was presented to the club by Mr. J. Gifty which was highly appreciated, and another was presented by Mrs. Ellen Black.

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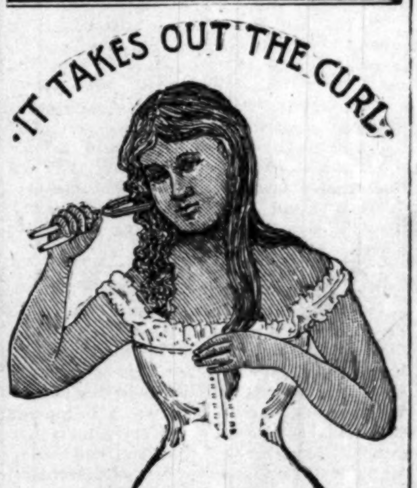

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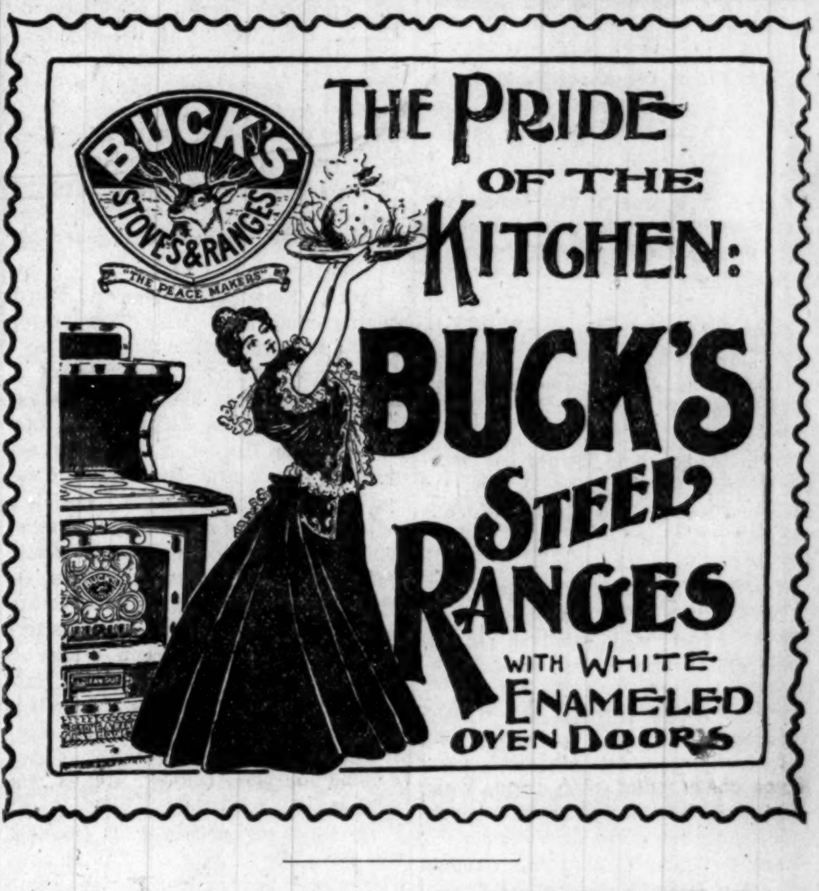

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Disagreeable Signs Removed Since the Close of the Centennial—Nashville Notes of General Interest—Personals.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.

Your representative visited Wartrace a few days ago, and while there he had the pleasure of meeting and shaking hands with some of its best citizens, both white and colored. Dr. Houston who was recently appointed postmaster at Wartrace, subscribed for The Freeman for twelve months, and said that in his opinion it ranked with the best in the land. Dr. Houston is proprietor of the largest drug store in Wartrace, and the wealthiest man in the community. In politics he is an uncompromising republican, and a true friend to the brother in black. Among some of the colored people who have acquired property and financial standing, it is generally supposed that Messrs Henderson, Davidson and J. E. Ewin are foremost. Mr. Davidson has a position with the N. C. & St. L. R. R. and Mr. Erwin is superintendent of Uncle Sam's Mail at Wartrace, both are excellent gentlemen.

Nashville Notes:—Your representative took tea at Fisk University a few evenings ago, the guest of Eugene Harris. Prof. Harris is a profound scholar, a deep thinker, and one of the most cultured and refined educators in the South. He is neither arrogant nor egotistic as is characteristic of a number of professional men, but he is a broad hearted, intelligent gentleman well met, and to know him is to admire and respect him.

Friends are congratulating Dr. E. B. Jefferson on his good fortune to receive a gold medal and diploma a few days ago, awarded him by the Tennessee Centennial for dental exhibits. Dr. Jefferson is an intelligent young man and his practice is among the best people in Nashville.

Dr. J. T. Wilson said in subscribing for The Freeman that he found it almost indispensable, and that he could not see how any professional man or woman could do without it, as it is really the foremost Afro-American newspaper published. Prominent among the names that have recently been added to The Freeman subscription list are Capt Chenney, Nashville's courteous and esteemed postmaster; Col. L. A. Nunn, Collector of Internal Revenue for Tennessee; Drs. Singleton, Baker, Wilson, Lester and Holman. During the Exposition season there hung in the street-car transfer station two conspicuous signs, one of which read "Soda Water served to Whites Only," and the other read "Lunches Served to Whites Only." Those two signs were artistically printed, and at times drew large crowds, for they were the most attractive things to be seen at the street-car transfer station, and any one who could read between the lines knew their full meaning While out street-car riding a few evenings ago your representative visited the transfer station and the two signs just mentioned were the first attractions looked for, but, greatly to his surprise, they had been taken down. "Aha," I remarked to a friend, "those two beautifully printed signs which were so conspicuously displayed in here during the entire time of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, have been taken down." "So I observe," said he, "and I hope they will never be put on exibition again."

Perhaps they were taken down and put away for the next Tennessee Centennial, which will take place somewhere in Tennessee in the year 1997, one hundred years hence. Or it may be that they were taken down and put under the counter, to be exhibited on special occasions. Such signs are nonsensical and detestable in the eyes of all intelligent Christian people.

Speaking of those two signs that used to hang in the transfer station reminds your representative of the Nashville steam laundry and its method of advertising. On all of its delivery wagons can be seen the following inscription in car-box letters: "Positively No Negro Washing Taken." And in nearly all the street cars they (the Nashville laundry) have placards bearing the following inscription: "No Negro Washing Taken."

It is safe to say that such signs do not meet with the approval of the better element of the whites, and that the only object is to increase prejudice and keep up a continual strife between the two races. But concerns like the Nashville laundry exist for a short time only and then are sunk into oblivion. It is as true to-day as it was yesterday that any firm, institution or concern of any kind that is not founded on broad principles can exist for a short time only. Skins may differ, but we are told in the Bible that out of one blood God created all nations to dwell on the face of the earth. It is not reasonable that a white man's clothes are easier washed than the clothes of a colored man, for there are just as many white men who need soap and water as there are colored men who need the same thing. Let us be broad in business principles. Yours truly,

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Like Religion.

ROME, GA., Nov. 26, '97.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Permit me to say The Freeman is the best colored paper I have ever taken. It is like religion to me—I am never tired of it. This will make about seven years I have been taking it, and shall continue.

Yours truly,
TAYLOR E. R. PERSON,

Race Gleanings

Mr. L. C. Reynold, of Duncan, Miss., is Post Master and Public Ginner of his little city.

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Deeds for twenty acres of land at Americus, Ga., have been given to the colored Masons of Georgia, who will begin at once the erection of a spacious home for widows and orphans.

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It is reported that a wealthy New York Negro is negotiating for the purchase of the Matthew cotton mill property of Selma, Ala., and if successful, he will use all colored laborers, thus throwing some 300 or more white persons out of employment.

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The Elmwood, S. C., Cotton Mill Directors have purchased a site for the colored cotton mill and awarded contracts for the building and machinery. In a few months the second colored cotton factory in the world will be in full blast.

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The colored servants of the late Major Lewis Ginter, the Richmond, Va., cigarette king, who died a few weeks ago, were rewarded with a distribution of $6,200, divided as follows: Henry White, $2,500; Cardwell Wood, $1000; John Haywood, $500; Christopher Jackson, $500; Fannie Harris, $300; Martha White, $300; Mary Fauntleroy, $300; Isaiah Jones, $200; Conway Mitchell, $200; Anderson Gates, $200; Washington Johnson, $200.

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Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee, Ala., is the foremost colored man of his time. He is the genius and the real Moses his race. Refined, reserved, eloquent, wise and world-famous has become this famous colored man, by the force of his own energy and brains. His school at Tuskegee is a wonderful institution of learning and it has become as noted as is its founder famous. Mr. Washington is a republican: Southern Republican, Austin, Tex.

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In the United Charities' organization in New York, a project has been discussed for some time of providing a home for aged colored women who have saved some money but not enough to take care of themselves. The project has finally taken definite shape through the assistance of several well-known New Yorkers, who have pledged $30 000 for that purpose. An option has been secured on the Reed mansion at Bath, Main, and a committee will soon go to Bath to examine the property. The owner of the property, Dr. Guil of New Jersey, sells the property at a nominal price, as he is heartily in sympathy with the movement.

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Tom Thumb's coachman is going to be married. The mite who drove the carriage for the famous dwarf has selected his bride, and Rev. Dr. Thomas of the Olivet Baptist church, Chicago, Ill., united in marriage George William White and Sophia Anderson. The groom is four feet six inches tall and 28 years of age. The bride is an average sized woman, and her future husband dercribes her as the bestlooking colored girl in Chicago. When Tom Thumb was at the of height of his fame his managers secured White to drive the little carriage. The Georgia lad was but a few inches taller than Tom or his wife.

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Mr. Washington now an employee of the Pullman Palace Car company, with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo., tells of some rich porters in the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Co., who are worth thousands, yet work for $25 per month. S. A. Lee has been railroading for 30 years, is worth $100,000. He owns a house at the corner of 36th, and State streets, worth $35 000 and one at the corner of 47th, and Armour Ave., in Chicago; one at 2338 Jefferson avenue, worth $10,000 and one at 5102 Walnut street, St. Louis, valued at $12,000. He also has a farm and ranch, near St. Louis, worth $10,000, besides an extra large bank account. Gillis Scott, a brother of Dr. I. B. Scott, who is also a porter, and a native Texan, is valued at $20,000, owning a very fine house in Los Angeles, Cal., and one in Chicago. Goodrich, of St. Louis, is worth at the smallest calculation, $12,000.

An Appreciative Student.

A. AND M. COLLEGE,
NORMAL, ALA., Nov. 28.

ED. FREEMAN: I began to read your paper six or eight months ago, and do not regret the money I paid for it, and to-day as I read the good news in The Freeman I thought I would write you a few encouraging words. I like to read The Freeman, and I think it is the most interesting paper I have ever read. Every colored person ought to read it. Your paper has caused me to become more interested in reading than I ever was. I am attending school under Prof. Councill, who is a strong leader for our race. I am progressing nicely with my studies, and reading your paper causes me to study harder. I hope The Freeman will continue to prosper.

ASA JONES.

A Black Boy's Sermon.

Lawrence Dennis is the latest Georgia prodigy. Lawrence is three years old and lives at Atlanta. The main point about the little black boy is that he appears to know more about the Bible than most grown people know. Visitors were at his father's home two Sundays ago, when the little fellow toddled into the room and quietly began to drag the chairs into the form of a semicircle. When he had arranged them to his satisfaction he motioned the guests with an impatient gesture, saying:

"Yon sit there. I want to preach."

To humor him those present took the seats he had indicated. Stationing himself before them he began to lisp at first inarticulately, then louder, until his voice filled the room:

"You people no right to come here Sunday and see my farver. You no right to come here and talk, talk and laugh, laugh, when God says do His work on this day. And I know that no all of you are good. Some of you are bad and selfish and don't live like Jesus told you to.

"Some of you men drink and hurt your wives, and you are drunkards. Drunkards go to torment. Everybody who doesn't do as he ought to do goes into a deep, deep dungeon. You can't be good men and bad men too. You got to be very good or very bad. Christ prayed for us in Gethsemane, but we don't do as he begged us to, and we ain't as good to each other as God wants us to be.

"Why ain't we all like David, who talked about God's rod and staff comforting him? I tell you all unless each one forgives his brother his sin God won't forgive us our own sin.

"Be good people. Satan can't hurt you if God is with you. Don't stop praying until you think he loves you. I am only little, but I love God and He loves me. I know some time I will make His people—everybody—love Him and do right. Pray, pray, I say to you, people, and when you remember that Jesus was killed for you do like Jesus did and you will be good and happy. Amen."

On one occasion a number of ministers visited the child, and learning their occupation, he looked up seriously in their faces and said:

"Preachers, preachers, I have come to preach to preachers. They need preaching to," shaking his head and keenly eyeing face after face in the attentive group around him.

Religious, Society and News Notes.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Excellent Thanksgiving services were held in all the churches here. Mrs. Dr. V. D. Turner has gone to Ohio to visit relatives. The public schools of Bellbuckle, Wartrace and Ray's Chapel, taught respectively by Profs. T. T. Ransom and wife, R. P. Purdy and Mrs. Mary L. Orr, closed with exercises that pleased crowded houses. Mrs. L. H. McAdams is teaching at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Mrs. Henrietta Winter leaves in a few days for Chicago. Mrs. Presiding Elder Hill has closed her school and is now at home assisting Rev. A. A. Hill, the newly-appointed P. E. of the Tullahoma district. Rev. H. W. White, P. E., held the first quarterly conference for Elder Prim, and it was a good quarter. Prof. T. T. Ransom is again in his store on Martin street, where he would be glad to see all his old customers. Prof. S. S. Medaris closed his school a few days ago at Richmond. Messrs. W. H. Gosling, Lee Trail, C. J. Thompson, William Holand and Misses E L. Mitchell and C. B. Trail covered themselves with honor and royally entertained the appreciative audience at the A. M. E. Church in their five-minute speeches on Thanksgiving Day. Abe Fletcher was taken seriously ill Sunday night and great fears were entertained of his death. He is better now. Mrs. S. J. Morton is convalescent. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon visited the West Tennessee Conference last week at Union City and made an appeal to the conference to unite with the Tennessee Conference in the educational work of the A. M. E. Church. The conference agreed, and now there is only one school of the A. M. E. Church, and that has the support of both conferences. It is the Turner Normal and Theological Institute, situated at Shelbyville. The Ladies' Benevolent Society has bought another graveyard, and now there is no necessity for any one to be buried in a pauper grave. Mrs. Mamie A. Nixon has bought a four-room house on Martin street. The carpenters are laying a new floor and ceiling the walls of Turner Normal and Theological Institute. The next term will begin January 3, 1898. The first quarterly conference was a success at the A. M. E. Church. Everybody was pleased with the new Presiding Elder, Rev. H. E. Rye.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were passed by the Anacostia Colored Republican Club on the death of the late John M. Langston:

Whereas, In the providence of God, our country has been deprived of one of its most distinguished citizens.

Resolved, That in the death of John M. Langston, our country has lost a fearless statesman and a faithful and upright public servant, a scholarly and distinguished lawyer, a good citizen and a man whose deeds are an imperishable monument.

Resolved, That the Anacostia Club, tender to his beloved family our sincere sympathy and condolence, and that a copy of these resolutions be presented to them as an expression of our respect and esteem. Be it further

Resolved, That when this meeting shall be at an end, we do adjourn out of respect to the memory of the late deceased John M. Langston. Committee:

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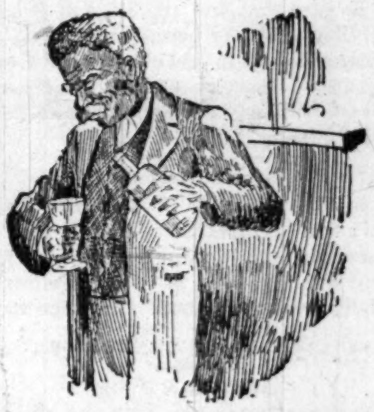

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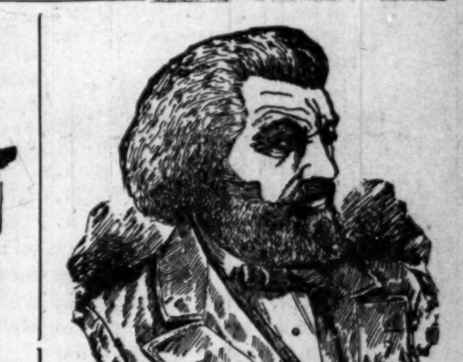

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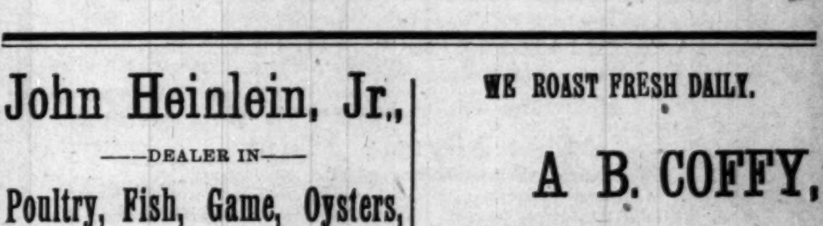

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LOCAL NOTES.

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Mrs. Chambers died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Barnes in Tuxedo Park last Monday. The funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday, Rev. J. J. Blackshear of Corinthian church officiating.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Will Robinson has returned to his home in Bloomington.

A select dancing school opened in Old Fellow's Hall Friday evening.

C. A. Webb has returned from Asheville, N. C., and other Southern points.

Miss Lena Waters, of Lincoln, Ill., is a guest of her cousin, Miss Kate A. Mann in Elizabeth street.

The Launfal Circle of the King's Daughters held their first meeting of the season with the Misses Watkins in Columbia avenue last week.

Mrs. Dr. J. H. Pettiford, of Chillicothe, O., accompanied by her little daughter, is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jas. Shelton in Douglass street.

Henry Clay and Miss Carrie E. Ferguson were joined together in holy wedlock Thursday of last week at 7:45 p m. at the home of the bride's father, Rev. J. R. Ferguson, by Rev. W. M. Collins, pastor of the little Bethel A. M. E. church.—Franklin Star.

Mrs. Jas. Sullivan, cateress at the New York store, served a sumptuous dinner to a number of the employees of the store and a few other friends at her home in Muskingum street Sunday. The tables were beautifully decorated with roses, pinks and chrysanthemums. An orchestra furnished excellent music for the occasion.

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If all was smooth-sailing in this world, if success and happiness did not to a great extent depend upon individual effort, mankind would sadly degenerate. Let the human race feel content in the same sense as does the browsing quadruped and we would very soon have a world filled with silly nincompoops of the cane-sucking variety says an exchange.

We are not prepared to give our opinion on the world at large regarding the different types of humanity, but we can of a truth say that there are a large number of the cane sucking variety in these diggin's. The simpering dudes with their hair parted in the middle, cigarettes in their mouth go to make up a fair proportion of this city's population.

To be considered eccentric is a foolish hobby gloried in by a few individuals. They liked to be classed among the oddities—to deviate from general usages of society, or in other words to be known by their peculiar traits. Such freakishness is monotonous. One can not achieve much greatness through this channel, and such persons are usually classed among the ridiculous.

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News and Notes.

Easley, S. C., Special.

Mrs. Flora Greene visited Mrs. Mary White and Mrs. Sallie Williams Nov. 28. Augustus Allgood and Miss Jessie Simpson were married Dec. 5. Andy Orr is on the sick list this week. The Easley Union Baptist Church has a progressive Sunday-school, the members of which contemplate having a nice Christmas tree. J. E. White was present at the last meeting and spoke a few words in the interest of The Freeman which were highly appreciated. John H. Hunt is doing a good business at the barber's trade. Allen Bowen visited his sister, Mrs. Mary White, Dec. 2. It is stated that Press. Brown, of this city, has recently gone to Greenville, where he will be marred to Mrs. Polly Austin, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are proud of their little son, Jas. Franklin Williams. J. E. Haygood is the fish dealer here, and does a good business. Mrs. Jennie Ellison attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Katie Williams, near Marietta, Dec 9. Mrs. Rosa Westfield has moved to Greenville. Rev. Grant Parks was in this city Dec. 4. Rev. J. E. Washington preached at the Baptist Church on the night of Nov. 29.

Clarksville Items.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

George Perryman has opened a first-class eating-house on North First street. G. D. Boyd's memorial services will be held at the Opera House Dec. 12. The object of this meeting is to raise money to erect a monument and assist in the prosecution of his slayer. N. Dixon, of the firm of Keeser & Dixon, is a candidate for alderman in the Ninth ward. Albert Merriweather, Norma M. Kimbrough and Ira Metcalf were examined for postal service Dec. 4.

A Unique Social.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Rev. G. D. Smith has returned from Kalamazoo, where he preached Sister Margaret Proctor's funeral sermon. Mrs. Proctor was a Christian for sixty-nine years, and died in the full triumph of faith. Misses Jennie Mathen and Julia Coker gave a carpet-ball social Friday evening, Dec. 3, which was a pleasant affair. Jasper Sanders is going West. The B. Y. P. U. meeting was well attended and was conducted by the pastor. William Bradley is put down as a pugilist. Rev. George D. Smith, our pastor, preached a noble sermon Sunday evening. His text was: "The youth shall faint and be weary; the young men shall fall."—Isaiah 40-31. The ladies of Mount Zion Baptist Church are making great preparations for the fair Mrs. Rev. G. D. Smith is on the sick list. Mrs. R. H. Mathens is improving slowly. We hope that she will soon recover. Miss Cora Coker is visiting her grandmother in Michigan. Henry Hays butchered five hogs Tuesday.

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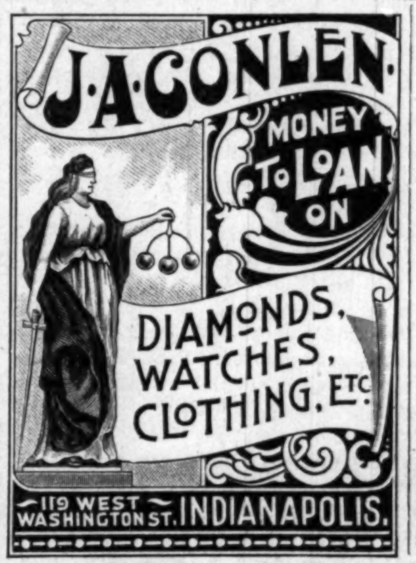
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IN THE SOCIAL WHIRL.

News From the Churches—Turned Into the Streets—A "Donkey" Social. Other Notes.

Detroit, Mich., Special.

Miss Susie Taylor is on the list of sick this week. Rev. W. H. H. Butler, P. E., will hold his second quarterly meeting in Detroit on Erskine street Dec. 26. The pastor desires a full attendance of members. All the Sunday-schools are busy making preparations for their Christmas trees. We are having some pretty cold weather now, with a goodly number of snow flurries. The Freeman was here on time this week and made its appearance in several new homes. Your correspondent is suffering from a slight attack of la grippe this week W. M. Kidd is still sick. At Brown's Chapel, West Detroit, Presiding Elder Butler will hold his second quarterly meeting Dec. 19; Mrs. Lillian Thurman, pastor. The choir at Ebenezer Church last Sunday was much improved and the singing was excellent. Rev. James Deane and his brother Walter have returned to the city after an absence of six or seven months. Come early and hear the song service at the A. M. E Church on Erskine street Sunday evening. Arthur Moore paid a flying visit to Mt. Clemens Saturday evening. Mrs. Springsteen has been brought from the poor farm and is being cared for now at the Old Ladies' Home. During the holidays the ladies of the A. M. E. Church on Erskine street will conduct a fair. There will be a literary program rendered each evening, and refreshments will be served. Mrs. Chappie, an old lady unable to earn her living, is now at the Old Ladies' Home. Her children, it is alleged, turned her out into the street. The little folks of the Sunday-school are rehearsing for a tambourine drill which they hope to present one evening during the fair. Admission will be 10 cents, Last Thursday, for the benefit of Bethel Church, Mrs. Thomas gave a "Donkey" social at her home on Beaubien street, which was well attended and highly enjoyed. The Sunday-school convention which was held at the First Baptist Church last week cordially invited Rev. W. W. Clark, together with the superintendent and school, to attend their reception last Tuesday evening at the corner of Woodward and Wynder streets. Supper was served at 6 o'clock. The reception and supper were equally enjoyable. Mrs. W. Green, 188 Wilkins street, gave an oyster supper for the benefit of the trustees of Ebenezer Church at her home last week. It was quite a financial success. There were many young people present and the evening was passed pleasantly. Mr. Ed. Binger is seriously ill, and his physician has no hope of his recovery. Douglass Carter was convicted of murder in the Criminal Court last week. He shot a young man named Henry Williams.

"The war of Roses."

New Albany, Ind., Special.

Eugene Lucas, of Evansville, spent a few days with us last week. Mr Webb, of West Seventh street, is suffering on account of a dislocation of his shoulders. Miss Emma Foster, of Louisville, witnessed the Peak Sisters' entertainment Thursday night. A grand musicale will be given under the management of Miss Nannie Stith at Zion A. M. E Church Monday night. Bethel A. M. E. Church presented two entertainments of rare merit last week, and both were successes socially and financially. "The War of Roses," presented under the management of Misses Nannie Cannon, Daisy Welch and Lucy Mitchem, attracted a large audience from the Fall cities. The following young ladies, dressed in red and white, and adorned with numerous roses, participated in the event: Addie Russell, Mayme Mucker, Lola Bailey, Pearl Grundy, Bertha Rickman, May Grundy, Nannie Stith, Daisy Welch, Blanche Sterrett, Nannie Cannon, Lucy Mitchem, Jessie Williams, Susie Thompson, Anna Graham, Emma Young, Gertrude Evans, of Louisville The Japanese umbrella drill by ten little girls and two boys, and the fan drill by sixteen young ladies, and the "Peak Sisters," under the management of Mrs. G. A. and Samuel Ratliff, drew an immense audience to Odd Fellows Hall. The entertainment was one of the best ever given here. In our next we will give an account of the Baptist Christian Vanguard and Bethel's big rally.

John Wesley Gilbert, professor of Latin and Greek in Payne Institute, Augusta, Ga., has been elected a member of the American Association of Scholars and Authors of Ancient Languages. Only one other colored man in this country has the honor to be a member of this association—W. S. Scarborough, of Wilberforce.

Clasgow News Items.

Glasgow, Ky., Special.

The remains of Mrs. Polly Murrell were buried last Saturday afternoon in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. She died Friday night, the 3d inst., after a two-weeks' illness. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. B. C. Tolbert. Mrs. Murrell leaves a husband, two children, two brothers and two sisters. Her death is regretted by her many friends. Patronize H. Shirley, the colored grocer, Main street. The Glasgow Normal will open the first Monday in January next. W. L. Bowman, principal; J. T. Whitney, assistant; Trustees: James Mansfield; chairman, Garriet Mansfield. Stephen Landrum, C. S. Manier and J. T. Whitney are the prominent colored lawyers of this city; office in the Landrum building, Green street. Patronize J. H. Moran, the colored grocer, in the southern part of the city. Stephen Landrum is the wealthiest colored man in the county. Patronize the best colored paper in the world, The Freeman, V. W. Dunn, agent; 5 cents a copy, $1.50 a year. Miss Sallie Barlow is on the sick list.

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Stray Shots From the Army.

Ft. Assinniboine, Mont., Special.

The colored chaplin arrived here on Nov. 11, and has conducted service twice a week since his arrival. The many friends of Sergeant Henry Allen, retired from troop D, 10th Cavalry will be glad to hear that he has taken up his residence at Helena, Mont., and is doing well. Corporal Phillips Jones retired from troop H, 10th Cavalry Nov. 28 and moved to Havre, Mont. First Sergeant T. H. Allen expects his retirement papers back about the 15th. The members of troop D look forward to his retirement with much regret, as he is a model soldier. He is honorably mentioned in the history of the 10th Cavalry for his long and faithful service, which is as follows: 10 years Sergt troop A 10th Cav., 20 years, troop D, 10th Cav. He was one of the non-commissioned officers with troop A in August 1877 when the troop was lost and without water and food, which cost the lives of several men.

A Pleasant Party.

Donnels, Tenn., Special.

Our fall term of four months school has closed, the term having been very successful. The Board of Education gave the school much attention, and highly commended its work. The last day was pleasantly enjoyed. Essays, declamations and beautiful songs were given until noon, when the exercises closed for dinner. No one felt that he or she was on the outside. The boys handle the baseball bats in a skillful manner. In the contest between the Rackwoods nine and the Donnels nine the game stood at the close 32 to 10 in favor of the former. Mt. Zion Church is looking forward to some pleasant holiday work under direction of the pastor, Rev. T. F. Avent. Wedding bells will soon ring. A number of nuptial knots are expected to be tied in this locality during the holidays. Mrs. Lillie Taylor has returned from an extended visit to Nashville. Sam Ross, of Murfreesboro, was here a fews ago. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lyon are preparing to leave us. Their departure will be generally regretted. Mesdames Harry Lyon and Charley Laws are visiting in Murfreesboro.

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"LADY OF LYONS"

To Be Given at Liberty Hall December 23—Wedding Anniversary.

Toledo, O., Special.

The Douglass Dramatic Society will render Bulwer's beautiful and well-known comedy-drama, "The Lady of Lyons" at Liberty Hall under the management of Messrs. A. M. Clemens and Albert King December 23. The program and cast of characters will be furnished The Freeman for next week's issue. John Moody, who met with a very painful accident some weeks ago, is able to be among his friends again. The Carpe Dieu Social Club, which is composed of some of Toledo's talented young men, expect to give an entertainment during the holidays. Invitations are out announcing the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson Dec. 27. The Douglass Scientific, Historical, Educational and Literary Society will meet in the lecture room of Warren Chapel A. M. E. Church Monday evening, Dec. 13. A fine program has been arranged for the occasion. The Freeman can be found at the home of J. S. Carter, on Missouri street. Prof. C. C. Poindexter, grand-son of Rev. Poindexter of Columbus, has been tendered the position of Professor in the West Virginia Colored Institute at Fern. Mrs. Rev. J. C. Taylor is visiting friends in Charleston, W. Va. Mrs. S. A. Carter is still confined to her bed with sickness. The Up-to-Date Social Club will give a masque carnival about the middle of this month.

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There was "copy" in the idea, and I took my valuer friend round London on valuing intent.

We came to town on the underground. "Two thousand yards of this railway," said my friend, "cost £2,000,000, or, if you like to have it so, £30 an inch. If you wanted to buy this bit now, you would probably be asked £5,000,000 for it. There is another mile on the same line which would cost you something like £2,000,000, having cost a third of a million to lay down. But that is comparatively moderate. If the electric railway were put up to auction and you were fortunate to get it at cost price, you would need the wealth of seven millionaires to buy it. These 3½ miles of railway are worth quite £12,000,000 as prices go nowadays.

"Get out at this station and look at the monument. You would not buy it for £20,000. In five minutes you will be at the Mansion House, which cost a mere £70,000 to build, but is now worth nearer £750,000. The Royal Exchange, as a building of bricks and mortar, is worth £200,000, but it stands on land worth £2,000,000. Not long ago land in this neighborhood was sold at the rate of £2,000,000 an acre.

"The Bank of England would probably fetch £4,000,000 in the market, but as there is always £20,000,000 worth of gold in the cellars its standing value is about £24,000,000. Go westward over Holborn viaduct and remember that that short stretch of highway is worth over £2,000,000. You would want nearly £2,000,000 to buy the general postoffice, which you have just passed, and the law courts, with the land on which they stand, are worth £2,500,000.

"Walk along the Strand and stand for five minutes on Waterloo bridge. The property you see here would make dozens of your friends millionaires at a stroke. Two million pounds would not buy those two hotels, and Somerset House, at building cost only, is good for £500,000. The bridge you are standing on was a disastrous failure when it was built, but it is worth now more than the £1,000,000 which it originally cost. There are seven bridges on either side of you, which cost between them over £4,000,000. The tunnels underneath the river are worth millions as a commercial property, and the embankment is now worth probably double the £2,000,000 which it cost to make.

"If St. Paul's were private property, you might induce the owner to sell it for £10,000,000, but the likelihood is very remote. Those tattered banners which you have seen so often would arouse pretty keen bidding at the sales, and if you got one for £10,000 you might think yourself extremely lucky. Westminster abbey is difficult to value. It is one of those things that cannot be bought, but the sales give us some idea what historic treasures are worth in the market, and I should not be surprised if the abbey—put up in lots—realized £50,000,000. Fancy putting a ticket on Jacob's pillar or the royal tombs!

"You have admired the magnificent exterior of the houses of parliament and the splendid interior, but you will perhaps be surprised to know that you could not erect these buildings today for £5,000,000. St. Thomas' hospital, and the Albert embankment running along the front of it, are worth together over £1,000,000, and the bridge leading to it cost £250,000.

"Perhaps you have never reflected what a privilege you enjoy in being able to visit so many places free. The British museum, which anybody can see for nothing, could not be bought up by all the millionaires in America. If it were absolutely empty, it would be worth £1,500,000, and it is full of priceless treasures, one collection alone being worth nearly £250,000. The National gallery is worth millions. It cost, with the new Tate gallery section, £350,000 to build, and has one picture which cost £14 an inch and 38 others which cost £1,700 apiece.

"The Albert hall and Royal aquarium are each worth about £250,000, but the Crystal palace cost more than three times the value of both these, the bill for the palace being £1,500,000. Earl's court, the great show rivaling the palace, has millions' worth of treasures which you can see for 1 shilling, and even when it is empty the 25 acres of gardens and buildings are worth £300,000.

"The hotels and public houses of London could not be bought up for £20,000,000, to say nothing of the land on which they stand. Two of them pay £450 a week between them in ground rent. Buckingham palace is not very gorgeous, but it is worth £4,000,000 as it stands, and if you wanted to rent it privately you would have to pay £4,000 a week for it. Devonshire House and Lansdowne House, in Piccadilly, would cost you £1,000,000, but you would not expect the picture galleries thrown in at this price. They are worth hundreds of thousands."—London Tit-Bits.

Without Benefit of Clergy.

Miss Pruyn—Oh, dear! So you were on the City of Peking when she went down? How many souls were lost?

Captain Silt—All of 'em that was drowned, mum. She went down so blamed suddent they wan't no time fer deathbed repentances.—Brooklyn Life.

OLD MAN AND YOUNG WIFE.

A Washington Jehu Who Sees All Sorts. Weary of the Jay With a Bride.

"But of all married couples the old jay with the young wife makes me most tired. The old duffer tries to put on a dignified air when many people are around, but wait until he gets a chance to smile at his young bride. It's awful. The smile is that of a possum which has been treed and knows there is no escape. I mean that it's sickly. Half of them may be putting on with the innocent girl. Three days ago I had one of these old jays in tow. What do you suppose he said to his wife? I was taking them from the White House to the treasury and passed by the fountain which contains so many pretty goldfish. 'Oh, look at the beautiful little things,' he said, with a grin at his wife. 'You are prettier than any fish in that pond.' She said, 'Oh!' Well, I wanted to throw him in, but of course I was looking out for the coin.

"Here comes a newly married couple. Anybody could tell that. You see, he has his wife by the arm and is looking down into her face with an air of contentment that is enough to make my blues leave me to see. I noticed that couple coming up Pennsylvania avenue 20 minutes ago. He was holding her arm then. He will stick to the job until they reach their hotel this afternoon. He is not afraid she will escape, but he thinks that is part of a new groom's business. You see, he helps her up the steps and points out things to her. He tells her that is so and so. Nine chances out of ten it is something else. He feels that he is bound to say something. I have seen many of these young know alls point out the Corcoran Art gallery as the patent office and pass the state, war and navy building off as the residence of General Miles or as the new city postoffice. The innocent bride stares in wonder and thinks it's so. She believes her darling Henry knows all about it.

"It's very different with the man who has been married several years. He and his wife see for themselves. He stops and looks at a thing which interests him. She goes on and stops to look at something which interests her. They are generally 20 yards apart. If he tells her that a building is such and such, she disputes the point and thinks it's something else."—Washington Star.

IODINE ON FINGERS.

Treatment of the Hands of Pianoforte Pupils Who Practice.

A modest appearing young woman entered a drug store on Madison avenue one morning recently, and, walking to the end of the counter nearest the prescription department, mutely held out both hands toward a clerk who chanced to be standing in that particular place. The clerk, equally mute, reached behind a screen and brought out a blue glass bottle, from which a brush handle protruded. After stirring the contents of the bottle with the brush for a few seconds the clerk daintily brushed the tips of the young woman's fingers with the mixture, leaving a dark stain around the top of each finger nail. With a pleasant nod of her head and low murmuring thanks the young woman quickly withdrew from the store and the blue glass bottle was put back in its hiding place.

Observing a puzzled expression on the face of an old patron of the store who had come in to get a cigar, the clerk said, "Iodine."

"What for?" asked the smoker.

"Prevents the fingers from getting sore," replied the clerk. "She is from the musical conservatory, where she practices on the piano three or four hours a day. In order to prevent the finger nails from coming in contact with the ivory keys she has them cut very short, and we apply iodine to take the soreness out of the ends of the fingers after they have been subjected to three or four hours of pounding. Most piano players, you will observe, have their finger nails cut to the quick, so that no clicking sound is emitted when they strike the keys. We keep a bottle of iodine and a brush for the special use of the pianoforte pupils of the conservatory. They come in here for treatment two or three times a week and pay by the month."—New York Times.

The Mixed Menu.

The traveling men in eastern Maine have added a new story to their repertory, a Hancock county man being the subject. During the musical festival at Bangor, they say, John stepped into a Bangor hotel for dinner. Now it happened that the hotel man had leased the off side of his bill of fare to a local carriage manufacturer, who placed an "ad." thereon, with illustrations. John sat at the table. The waiter, being in something of a hurry, by mistake passed the bill wrong side out. John saw the wheels, put on his spectacles, curled his mustache with his left hand, straightened up, looked at the girl and said: 'I'll take scrambled eggs, a Bangor buggy, a couple of punts and a road cart. Got any wheelbarrows?" The girl flew.—Lewiston Journal.

The Good Die Young.

One Neighbor—Don't you ever have any fears that you won't be able to raise that boy of yours?

Second Neighbor—To tell you the truth, I do. "The good die young," you know.

"I wasn't thinking of that. I was wondering if you had no fears that some maddened man would brain him with an ax for blowing that tin horn all day long."—Indianapolis Journal.

Wildcats are extremely variable in size, some kinds being no more than two feet in length, while others are five. The smallest varieties of wildcats are about the size of the domestic variety.

The London Chronicle says that the baked banana is the ideal food for nervous and anæmic brain workers.

THE MAHNIMAH.

A Wonderful Parrot of India Which, the Natives Claim, Thinks.

A little bird in town did a surprising thing the other day, though that is the middle of the story. The first of the story is that a woman who had lived many years in India and who has a love for all things Indian was walking along the street and saw in the window of a bird store a green parrot with red spots on its wings.

"That bird," she said to herself, "came from India. I will go in and speak with it. Perhaps it speaks the vernacular."

So she went in and spoke to it in the vernacular of India.

"Do you speak the language?" she said. It is the common question which the people ask of a parrot in the land from which the bird came. But the creature made no answer. It stared at her with dull eyes and was not interested. Still she persisted.

"Come," she said. "Surely you speak the language? What do you want? Are you hungry? Is poor Polly lonesome away off here? Come, come, you speak the language."

Still the bird made no answer, but from away back in the dusk of the room came a clear little bird voice in Hindoostanee:

"I speak the language. I also, I speak it."

The birdseller did not notice the cry. It is merely the chattering of a foolish little bird to him. But the woman who loved India said:

"Where is that bird?"

"It's back there," said the bird seller, pointing to a remote corner. So the woman went there, and in an old cage she found a neglected looking mahnimah, standing erect on its perch, all its feathers ruffled, looking this way and that as it quivered with excitement. This bird of all talking birds is the most wonderful—nay, in India they maintain that it thinks. It learns, in fact, the tongue of the people, they say, and does not speak by rote, but it converses. At any rate the mahnimah cried:

"I speak the language. I speak it."

"Here I am, brother," cried the woman. "I am one who speaks it too."

The bird fixed one sharp eye on her.

"You are little," he said disdainfully, putting his head down in his feathers to indicate how little she was. "You are little, but I am large," and then he stood erect with his head thrown back and looked down on her.

It said other things, too, while the bewildered bird seller stood by and listened, astonished that the bird had any value or that any one could understand it.

"How much will you take for the bird?" asked the woman.

"Twenty dollars," said the man. The price had gone up in the last ten minutes.

"Where did you get it?"

"A sailor brought it here, and I bought it of him. He had come from New York and was going to San Francisco. He said he was tired of lugging it over the country."

"He must have come from some place where there are Lascars."

"I do not know. Will you take the bird, ma'am?"

But the woman could not afford that, so she called back:

"Salaam, little brother."

"Salaam," said the bird.—Chicago Chronicle.

Whist In the Church.

And that's what's the matter with Emporia—too much whist. The painted china set is married to cards. Women have no higher thought from week's end to week's end than winning head prizes. They grow nervous, irascible, bad tempered and ugly playing cards. Little crows' feet appear at the corners of their eyes after an evening with whist, and deep, vertical lines plow themselves just above their noses. There are more plain women in Emporia who lost their bloom at the rented card tables than there are women who have worn themselves out over the kitchen stove. It is worry, not work, that makes women fade, and cards are sapping the juice out of the town. Only the young people patronize the public library. The old folks make "What's trump?" the chief end of man. Cards have invaded the churches. One church has a big factional row looming upon the horizon because the pastor has jumped cards. Another church narrowly avoided it last winter. A third pastor sees his best customers whooping it up in whist clubs and hasn't the nerve to say a word. In the meantime poker rooms, which are just as improving and elevating and just as helpful to the town as whist clubs, have opened on Commercial street, and the town is enjoying the fruit of the seed the women have planted.—Emporia (Kan.) Gazette.

Probable Enough.

"The feelings of woman are far deeper and finer than those of man," cried the lady orator in a fiery tone. "We are told by those who style themselves the stronger sex that we are much inferior. Is that so?"

A loud chorus of "No!" from the ladies greeted this question, and the orator went on:

"I say that woman feels where man thinks"—

"Is that the reason your husband is bald?" inquired one of the few male members of the audience.

It was lucky for him that he got two seconds' start in the race for the door.—Pearson's Weekly.

Costs of a Great War.

According to recent French statistics, France lost 136,000 men by death through wounds, sickness or accidents in her war with Germany, while 139,421 men were disabled on the field of battle. Germany's losses were 79,155 dead and 18,543 wounded. The monetary loss is more evenly divided, that for France being 12,666,487,522 francs and that for Germany being 5,000,000,000 francs.

THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

It Could All Find Standing Room on One of England's Shires.

England today contains 30,000,000 people, but it has trebled its population in the course of a century, inasmuch as the population was 10,000,000 on the accession of the Hanoverian dynasty. At the time of the great revolution in 1688 England contained 5,500,000, while London, now 5,500,000, contained only 500,000 inhabitants.

It further appears that the entire population of the country was under 1,000,000 when the "Domesday Book" was compiled shortly after the Norman conquest. Other nations are more or less amenable to the same principle of increase, and modern ideas of the vast populations of antiquity are far from being correct. In spite of the grossly exaggerated statistics of Josephus, the site of Jerusalem and the course of its ancient walls, which can easily be traced, prove that the Holy City could never have accommodated more than 100,000 people, while the outer walls of Rome, still standing, indicate that the ancient population of the Eternal City could not, even in its palmy days, have exceeded 1,000,000 people.

"Westward the star of civilization takes it course" is a truth confirmed by the history of the ancient world and set forth in the rise and fall of the successive empires of China, India, Assyria, Babylonia, Egypt, Greece and Rome. The westward trend of the Aryan families of Celts, Teutons and Slavs in prehistoric times points to an eastern origin of the primitive nations that gathered strength as they marched toward the lands of the setting sun, and it now appears highly probable that the bulk of the world's population had congregated around the blue waters of the Mediterranean when Greece and Rome were in the meridian of their power. The numerical strength of these nations was not great, and modern ideas of the vast population of the ancient world are more fanciful than real.

From the foregoing considerations it would appear that the regular home troops of the British army, numbering about 100,000 men, could find standing room on four acres of ground, a space equal to that of Trafalgar square, London, while the entire force of volunteers in this country, numbering about 250,000, could be accommodated in Lord's cricket ground.

The 5,500,000 people in London could easily stand in Regent's park, while the 40,000,000 of the United Kingdom could be packed together in a space within range of a cannon that can fire the distance of a mile.

The present population of the world could stand in Middlesex, while all who have ever lived since the Christian era could stand in Yorkshire, and all the inhabitants of the world, reckoning from the time of Adam to the present day, could, as far as area is concerned, have found ample standing room in England.—London Tit-Bits.

A CURIOUS POCKET PIECE.

How Railroad Engineers Transform Nickels Into Buttons or Spheres.

A Union Pacific engineer has a fashion of making unique pocket pieces for his friends. He runs a passenger engine west, and when oiling previous to a run he drops a nickel 5 cent piece into the brass oil cup on the crosshead of the piston rod. His run is 300 miles. When he reaches his destination, he unscrews the top of the oil cup and takes the nickel out. It has been metamorphosed into a curious little button with an evenly turned rim, within which on the one side is the countersunk head of Liberty, divested of her stars, and on the other side the V and the wreath. The edge of the crown is as perfect as if it had been pounded on an anvil by an expert silversmith.

The perfection of this is due to the even vibration the coin has been subjected to. The motion of the piston is horizontal, and it travels 48 inches, back and forth, with every revolution of the wheels. The interior of the oil cup is round, and the edges of the nickel as it travels back and forth in the oil, striking the sides of the cup, are turned over and pounded into perfect roundness. Sometimes a nickel is left in the cup during the round trip, or 600 miles. When taken out, it is a nickel bullet, a perfect polished sphere. Who discovered this unique method of turning the edges of a nickel is not known, but many engineers know of it.—Tacoma Ledger.

Foretold the Wheel.

"There is no new thing under the sun." We hardly expected to find that Dr. Johnson aphorized on so up to date a subject as cycling, yet such is the fact, as the following extract will show, says an English paper:

Mr. Ferguson told him of a newly invented machine which went without horses. A man who sat in it turned a handle, which worked a spring that drove it forward. "Then, sir," said Johnson, "what is gained is, the man has his choice whether he will move himself alone or himself and the machine too."—Boswell, Year 1769, Page 207 of Globe Edition.

A Household Hint.

Entering the house of a friend some weeks ago, I was struck with the superb polish of her walnut stair rails. They were fairly dazzling—so much so that I could not but remark it.

"What polish do you use?" I asked.

"None at all," she replied. "I encourage my three small boys to slide down the banisters, and there you are."

The idea struck me as a good one, and I offer it herewith to all readers of The Chatterbox.—Harper's Bazar.

God is love, and you can never escape from love. No sorrow, no sin, no estrangement, no darkness, can enable you to escape from love. The omnipotence is the omnipotence of love, and the omnipresence is the omnipresence of love. You may loosen your hand, but he will not loosen his.—Lyman Abbott.

BALL PROGRAMMES.

Made In a Very Great Variety of Styles, Suited to All Occasions.

Ball programmes are made in hundreds of styles. A wholesale dealer in New York prepares a sample book, which is of the size of an atlas and the thickness of a dictionary. Fancy cards for some other uses are shown in this book also, but of ball programmes alone there may be 500 styles. The book is like a great album. The dealer sends out 2,500 such books to printers and stationers.

Programmes can be bought at almost any price, including many at extremely low prices. Nearly all are more or less ornamented, many of them with embossed work finished with gilt or in colors and in a great variety of designs. There is scarcely any society, perhaps none, that could not find here an appropriate programme. There is, for instance, a ball programme embellished with a trolley car. A number of programmes, suitable for yachting club dances, have a yacht surrounded by various emblems of yachting and of the sea. There are programmes for musical societies, with appropriate emblems, and for railroad men, for bicyclists, for military organizations, for letter carriers, for firemen.

The cords and tassels for the programmes are a separate article of manufacture. They are produced in great variety of colors, qualities, sizes and styles and sold in enormous numbers and many of them at prices that seem marvelously cheap. It is probable that nearly all the programmes of the kinds referred to, handsome and elaborate as many of them are, would sell complete at prices under $5 a hundred. There are folded ball programmes, with a picture decoration, that are sold at wholesale, without printing or cord and tassel, as low as 35 cents a hundred.

The production of costlier programmes, such as sell for $5 a hundred and upward, is a business by itself. These are made in about 150 different designs, ranging in price up to $1.25 each. They are made in a great variety of shapes and sizes, and, as with the less costly programmes, of designs appropriate to the occasion on which they are used. The more costly programmes are adorned with hand painted pictures. Celluloid in various forms is employed in the making of these programmes, and satin, lace and papier mache are also used. All these programmes are of larger size than the less expensive varieties, and each one is put up in a box. A programme of the highest price was an elaborate production 14 inches square. The programmes most commonly sold among the costlier kinds bring about $18 a hundred.

There are sold of the cheaper varieties of ball programmes millions annually; of the costlier far fewer. These may be numbered in thousands. Winter is the season of the most active demand for ball programmes, but they are sold the year round. Some ball programmes are exported to Mexico and the various countries of South America. Many of the designs are equally suitable and appropriate anywhere. The printing is done in the countries in which they are used.—New York Sun.

Hounding Celebrities.

Dr. Paul Garnier, a French specialist in lunacy, has been giving some information about the insane men and women who follow celebrities about and fall in love with them. The doctor has to send two or three women of this sort to asylums every month, and nothing is known of the cases by the public. Good looking priests, the doctor declares, are notably marks for the attention of such females. After the priests, but in a lesser degree, come the members of parliament whose names are most frequently in the newspapers or who make good speeches in the chamber, the authors and the handsome actors. The latter, like the priests, have often been threatened by their jealous admirers. In some instances women have gone to the theaters with loaded revolvers ready to fire at them, but for some reason or other have failed to carry out their purpose. As to actresses, Dr. Garnier states that their dangerous adorers are terribly numerous. Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has sometimes to be watched over very carefully. Her worshipers secrete themselves in all sorts of places in order to see her enter or leave her theater or her residence. The special detectives have had to interfere on two noted occasions in order to save the famous actress from the bullets or the daggers of maniacs who resolved to injure or kill her because she refused to respond to their flatteries and passionate declarations of love.

An English Shop.

Shopping is a task at any time, and not always a pleasant one, but imagine looking for bargains in 56 different departments of a store. That is the number the largest department store in London contains, and we may expect yet to see it on this side of the water, as American enterprise and energy have been heading in that direction for several years past. In the London store everything from a cannon to a needle may be purchased. You may have your photographs taken, hair dressed and nails manicured, your household goods stored or insured. You may have a house built, decorated, furnished all complete, with the servants and insurance on the property, from one establishment. Pianos, iron in bars and theater tickets may be obtained, as well as drugs, ribbons and laces. Altogether it would be an interesting place in which to spend a week or two shopping.—Philadelphia Press.

A Model Town.

Hoopestown, Ills., a town of 4,000 inhabitants, has never had a saloon. The mayor receives a salary of 50 cents a year, the remuneration of each of the councilmen is half that amount, and no fees are accepted. Last year the combined salaries of the mayor and the city fathers were given to help a needy widow pay her taxes.—New York Tribune.

AN EPISODE.

She pours the tea, and as her hand
Above the dainty china lingers
I raise my own right hand aloft
And seize upon the jeweled fingers.

"You'll break the teacup, Jack!" she cries.
And on the floor I hear it clatter.
"Oh, what care I for cups," I say,
"While you have got a heart to shatter!"

"Don't break it, that's a dear," she says;
"The cup, I mean!" And then, with laughter,
I tell her it is not her cup,
But heart, her humble servant's after.

"You've broken that long since," she sighs.
"I never can forgive you, never!"
And—well, she did, and now she's come
To make and pour my tea forever!
—E. C. R. in What to Eat.

LONDON SLUMS.

The Rent Collector and the Difficulties He Encounters There.

Slum property apparently has its drawbacks, though it is generally regarded as the most profitable, for most of the owners do not as a rule allow such trifles as repairs to reduce the amount of the rents.

"This work is breaking up my nervous system," said a man who has been collecting rents for years in some of the worst slums. "I am really beginning to feel that I shall meet my death at it.

"Much ill feeling of which I am the victim is engendered between landlord and tenant over the question of repairs. It does not pay to be always repairing such broken down property, though of course repairs are always being asked for, and some people have a decidedly unpleasant manner of trying to impress on me the necessity for such.

"They are continually alluring me into all sorts of undesirable traps. I nearly broke my neck once by walking up a dark staircase in which a few boards were broken and loose, and the woman who had asked me to walk up calmly told me to get my master to have it mended. If there is a dark, rickety staircase without a banister, I am sure to be asked to walk up it, and on one occasion I was nearly frightened out of my wits by my head coming in contact with some hanging paper and plaster which had fallen from a passage ceiling and was suspended by a very meager support.

"In addition to all this the tenants, when they hear I am about, put pails of water and broom handles in the dark passages I may traverse, besides making other preparations for bestowing similar delicate attentions on me.

"Only recently a woman asked me to come and look at the awful state of repair of one of her rooms. She took me to a large cupboard and opened it and the corpse of a man tumbled into the room. It was only her poor, dear husband, she said, whom she had stowed there for convenience till the coffin arrived. Of course she had put him there only to give me a pleasant little surprise, and she was so successful that a doctor advised me to lay up for a week.

"Sometimes a brick or two will be aimed at my head without my being able to discover whence it came, and I have just had an interview with a man who showed me a broken window through which he had shoved his wife's head backward and forward by way of chastisement, and he expressed what exquisite delight he would take in doing the same to me if the window was not soon mended.

"All this is quite apart from the trouble I have in obtaining money."—Pearson's Weekly.

Ian Maclaren on Scott.

"Scott was all gold, and even the nuggets are not enough; the gravel ought to be sifted and the gold dust gathered in, for Scott had such an affluence of knowledge, legend and poetry that he did not write by measure, but put his hand into his pocket and threw out money that any might pick it up. What one is afraid of is that Scott is being raised to the elevation of a classic, and that is the same thing as taking a man out of the house of commons, where he is an active figure, and placing him in the stately seclusion of the house of lords. I do not know a single page of Scott that is not readable, and I do not know a single page that would shake a man's faith or bring a blush to a woman's cheek. Why do not people read Scott as they ought to? Some say that he is not interesting, and others object to his style. Why, Carlyle himself brought the charge against Scott that he was amusing. Amusing! One of the grandest functions of fiction is to be amusing in the right sense—that of lifting up the weight and care of daily life from men's minds by leading them into regions of sentiment and romance."

The Nearest Approach.

An English tourist visited Arran, and being a keen disciple of Izaak Walton, was arranging to have a day's good sport.

Being told that the cleg, or horsefly, would suit his purpose admirably for a lure, he addressed himself to Christy, the highland servant girl, "I say, my girl, can you get me some horseflies?"

Christy looked stupid, and he repeated his question. Finding that she did not yet comprehend him, he exclaimed:

"Why, girl, did you never see a horsefly?"

"Naa, sir," said the girl, "but a wanse saw a coo jump ower a pr shipice."—Rambler.

Extenuation.

"I can tell when my wife buys something she considers extravagant."

"How can you tell?"

"She always explains that she bought it with a $5 bill she happened to have tucked away."—Chicago Record.

The citizen who is determined to take care of himself alone is of very little use to a community, and few tears are shed when he takes his final departure.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The cost of a patent in Germany is $100, which includes the taxes for six years.

A SAD PICKPOCKET.

"HOOT" DONEGAN'S STORY OF HIS MOST RECENT AFFLICTION.

Ran After a Hansom and Wasted Nearly a Day In Pursuit of a Bogus Pearl—Long Chances at a Free Lunch Counter—No Prosperity For Him Now.

The pickpocket stood on the corner looking very disconsolate. His coat collar was turned up, his hands were thrust down into his pockets, and his hat was tilted forward until the rim was almost level with his eyes. Silverstein, the puller in at the clothing store two doors from the corner, having held up in vain two sailors and a one armed soldier, left his post to inquire the cause of the pickpocket's woe.

"What's the matter, Hoot?" he asked.

Donegan, the pickpocket, known on the row as Hoot, glanced up at Silverstein, grunted out an oath, and then letting his head fall on his breast again relapsed into silence.

"What is it, Hoot?"

Silverstein was growing curious. He had done light fingered work for a time himself and knew something of the changing conditions of a man's life when he made himself an offensive enemy of society.

"See that, Jew?" said the pickpocket, hauling a scarfpin from his vest pocket.

It was a short gold pin, topped with a huge pearl of that rare virgin pink. It seemed to be a valuable bit, and Silverstein's eyes glistened as he looked at it.

"Take it to Cooney," he said in a whisper. "He's safe."

The pickpocket laughed in hollow fashion. "Too safe," he said. Then he straightened up, threw his hat back on his head and said:

"Silverstein, in these days a man like me ain't got no license to live. What's the skill of my hand, that can take most anything from a screw stud to a scarfpin from a man without his knowing it, against the brain of a man that can make them things?"

"Are you nutty, Hoot?" inquired the puller in, edging away.

"No, Jew, no; but listen to me. You know the hotels are my graft and this region down here my market. Well, I was out spotting today, and finally along comes a feller that I sized up fer my meat. He was a dressy guy, with all color ribbons on his hat and them spready soles on his shoes. He had a big pink necktie on, and in it this here pin was stuck. From the size of his chain, I said to myself that the punkin on the end of it must be a bird, but when I see that pink pearl I decided to let the watch go and make for that.

"Well, he was a nervous cuss, and I couldn't get a chance at him fer a long time. I followed him up Broadway and laid for him outside a restaurant while he took lunch. Then he met a lady, and they took more lunch together. When he came out, the two took a hansom, and I hear him say to the driver, 'Around the park.' Well, I follow the hansom to the park, and, seeing which entrance it goes in, lay around the circle for it to come out again. Two hours I waited there, Jew, and then I see the hansom and runs off two pounds a-following it down town. My man, he leaves the lady at a house, then drives to the corner of Broadway and starts walking down slowly. Now, says I to myself, 'I've got him.' But I didn't get him. He meets a friend, and they go and play billiards fer two more hours. Well, I was busting, I was so mad, but I made up my mind to stick. I see a dozen juicy chances go by, but I couldn't leave that pink pearl. My eyes watered at thinking of it and my fingers itched for it. By and by my man comes out, and he and his friend go in a saloon, one of them places where you stand up at a sideboard. I followed and just as my man lifts a glass up to drink I push against his friend. The friend pushes against him, and he turns around. I was waiting, of course, and next minute the pearl was mine. It was a long chance, Jew, but you know a feller'll take them once in awhile. When the guy turns around, I was chewing a sandwich from the counter and bawling to the waiter for a check.

"Well, the guy misses the pin. Damn me if I know what put him on. You know I don't mess a job like that, Jew. My heart was a-going hard, Jew, but I almost falls over when I see him put his hand up to the tie, feel around and then, instead of hollering murder, police, watch and a dozen other things, just grin and say to his friend, 'Some sucker's got a gold brick.'

"There was me with the pin in me palm all ready to drop it in the salad on the counter. When he don't make a holler, though, I snakes her back in my pocket and in two minutes am on the way down to Cooney.

"I saw easy times and no chances fer a couple of weeks on the strength of that pearl, Jew, and when I tossed it over to Cooney I said, 'Give me $250, a quarter value.' Cooney whistles [illegible] the pin and picks it up. Then he begin to look queer. Finally he dips the pearl in a glass of water an picking up a knife, s'help me, goes a peeling [illegible] that pink color. 'Cooney,' I yell, 'what are you doing?' 'Fish glue,' says Cooney. And he throws the pin back.

"Well, it was one of them fish glue pearls. You've seen 'em—just a bit of glass painted over with fish glue, just ringers for the real thing, but worth about 50 cents. I walks out of Cooney's in a trance. I comes over here, and I ain't moved fer an hour. Think of it, Jew, think of it, all day and a long chance for that thing! Take it and give it to yer gal the next time you go up to Jones' woods. S'help me, if I ever find that guy I touched fer that I'll pick a fight with him and lick him. Goodby. I'm going home and get some rest. Chasing hansoms is hard work." And the pickpocket strolled down a side street the picture of melancholy.—New York Sun.

VICTIMS OF GOITER.

The Disease Is Brought on by Drinking Snow Water.

The valley of the Rhone has been quite noted for its goiter victims, although I am happy to say that through the increased watchfulness of the authorities there now is an abatement of the disease. Many different causes are assigned to the terrible affliction—this enlargement of the glands of the throat, goiter, or "big neck," as it is sometimes called—and even the best informed are far from being unanimous as to its origin or prevention. The peasants themselves say it is brought on by the habitual use of snow and glacial water. The water is so cold it acts as a counter irritant, and so inflames the throat, but this explanation hardly holds, as the inhabitants of the upper regions are not so often afflicted as are the people in the lower valleys. The use of chemically impure water, especially hard water, is given as a cause.

The experiment has been made where the water of certain wells was used to the exclusion of all other water. Within a short time goiter symptoms began to manifest themselves where none had been before. Sometimes this disease is epidemic. An instance was noted where in a garrison one out of every 20 men became afflicted. Infants are seldom born with goiter, but after it once takes hold the progress of the disease is very rapid. I believe that it is rarely fatal, but because of this enlargement of the glands and the consequent disfigurement of the throat it is most repulsive, and yet the natives are so accustomed to seeing it that they do not seem to care. It probably is simply a source of discomfort rather than mortification. In fact, in some portions of France, Italy and Switzerland a goiter is a thing to be prized and to be exhibited, for its possession exempts a man from military service. Young men have been known to resort to certain wells supposed to convey this poison to the blood that they might evade conscription. When Savoy was annexed to France, vigorous measures were adopted to stamp out if possible this hateful disease. There was a heavy penalty for drinking the water of forbidden wells, and then the little children were treated in the hope of curing them. Lozenges of iodine were administered, and out of 5,000 children 2,000 were cured, and more would have been helped had not the parents ignorantly opposed the giving of the remedies. The villages also were cleaned and sanitary measures insisted upon. For, aside from all other causes, it is quite agreed that goiter may be transmitted or be sporadic. Like diphtheria, it is a filth disease, and often has its origin in the negligent habits of the villagers. These peasants refuse to live elsewhere than in the old "dorfer" (villages), each morning going far away to the fields, but returning at night to their overcrowded homes, where men, women and children, cows, goats and donkeys dwell together fraternally.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

SHOWED HIS BAGGAGE.

There Wasn't Much of It, but It Satisfied the Clerk.

It is not always necessary to travel with three or four saratogas, a dress suit case, a bundle of rugs and a bird cage in order to obtain good accommodations at hotels.

Occasionally there does exist throughout this hospitable land a hotel which does not require a certificate as to a person's ancestry, status in life, past history and future movements before its clerk permits one the privilege of a room. At least this is the firm belief advanced by a young Chicago couple just back from their wedding trip. Down east one day the train wended its way through the woods and heights of the Adirondacks and miles away from civilization halted at a lone platform bordered by a piny wildness too alluring to be slighted by westerners fresh from prairie lands.

"Train stops 1 hour and 15 minutes," announced the young husband who had made a dash for the conductor. Out on the platform and up the charming road wandered these two, and time flew. However, they kept an eye on their watches and reached the platform with ten minutes to spare.

But the train was gone.

A lone man perched at the end of the platform explained in a bored way in the face of their indignation that it was 15 minutes and not 1 hour and 15 minutes that the train stopped.

"When is the next train?" the travelers begged.

"There isn't any," sweetly said the native.

"Where is a hotel?" they shouted.

"Up the road the other way," the sphinx said in a tired way and turned to watch the antics of a grasshopper.

Up the road the other way they went and discovered in the wilderness a hotel with a haughty clerk, electric lights and all modern improvements.

"Any baggage?" inquired the man at the desk as the young man registered.

The travelers gasped in consternation as they stared wildly at each other with the sudden shock of realizing that trousseau, traveling bags and umbrellas were speeding miles away from them.

"Oh, yes!" gulped the young husband airily. "Baggage—of course." He plunged into one pocket, drew out a small comb, his wife's powder box and its accompanying square of chamois, which [illegible] gravely laid before the clerk.

That gentleman never moved an eyelash.

"Front!" he called. "No. 227!"

The heroine of this story still claims the imperturbable clerk was a mind reader, but her husband says it was all due to her helpless, appealing air and the streak of cinders on her nose.—Chicago News.

Business Methods.

"What! You begging here too? I saw you only a little while ago begging on Schiller place."

"Yes, I have a branch establishment there."—Fliegende Blatter.

IN THE HINTERLAND.

WEALTH OF WEST AFRICA THAT FRANCE AND ENGLAND ARE AFTER.

The Tradesmen of the Two European Countries Are Engaged In a Struggle For Conquest Which May Call For Arbitration to Prevent a War.

James Pinnock, African merchant of Liverpool, who was one of the original promoters of the Royal Niger company and director for many years, in the course of an interview with a representative of The Daily Mail, said: "I went out to west Africa 40 years ago and visited almost every port and place in that region, including the Niger, many times, and my business has been with west Africa ever since. In 1870 I built a steamer, called the Rio Formoso, specially for service on the river Niger, and with her I explored and opened up, for the first time in history, the river Forcados. This river flows into the Atlantic and is one of the entrances to the Niger.

"The importance of this great river Niger and the hinterland is well known to those who are engaged in the African trade, but we can only expect it will slowly dawn on the mind of the British public. I am convinced, however, the more they look into it the more important they will see it is to the interests of British trade not to lose any of it.

"Fifteen years ago there were four firms trading on the Niger. They were the West African company, the Central African Trading company (and with this latter Taubman Bros.—one of them now Sir Taubman Goldie—were connected), Miller Bros. and myself. We all four firms joined and called ourselves the United African company, which was subsequently changed to the National African company and after that again to the Royal Niger company.

"The position today," continued Mr. Pinnock, "would be better understood if a good map could be put before the public of the whole hinterland of our west African colonies. Such a thing unfortunately does not exist at present. The strict geography of the country is only understood by a very few. Our knowledge of the hinterland, however, has increased immensely during the past few years, and to instance one particularly large territory I would point out that the French flag is already flying at innumerable towns and stations extending from 4 degrees east longitude to 2 degrees west longitude and from about 6 degrees north latitude (in the neighborhood of Porto Novo and the Dahomey country) to the town of Say on the Niger, which is between 13 degrees and 14 degrees north. The English flag is to be found to the east of Porto Novo, and extending inland to the neighborhood of Nikki (now occupied by the French) to various degrees of latitude wherein are found the three British possessions and protectorates of Lagos, the Niger Coast protectorate and the Royal Niger company.

"It is from the interior, however, that the future great wealth of Africa will be derived, and if all this is allowed to fall into the lap of France she will be possessed of an empire second only if not equal in the future to the whole of our Indian empire.

"See what South Africa has already developed into, and as far only as minerals are concerned. The soil of Africa has not yet been barely scratched. The population of this part of Africa, with the advent of railways, stoppage of the slave trade, cessation of internal tribal warfare, will increase in equal ratio to that of the most favored parts of the southern states of America—I mean as far as the multiplication of the negro population is concerned.

"The development of this hinterland will, in my opinion, exceed all the dreams of the most enthusiastic colonial party in France. Both France and England have sacrificed many men and much money in the race to grasp this priceless treasure, and the difficulty of apportioning it will, I believe, be so great that it is more than probable, to avert extremes, it will have to be referred to some other nation, or council of nations, to arbitrate on, as the matter is far too weighty for easy or speedy settlement.

"As evidence of the activity of the French I may point to the railway from Senegal to the upper Niger. This is being pushed forward with a further vote of 1,000,000 francs from the Caisse des Depots et Consignations, thus cutting and heading off all our possessions from Gambia, Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast and Lagos down to the river Niger.

"A very great deal, if not the whole [illegible] the trouble on the Niger," added Mr. Pinnock, "would never have arisen but for the obnoxious charter given to the Royal Niger company. By reason of this charter every trader, white and black, British or otherwise, is entirely excluded from the country. Had the river and adjacent country been thrown open to free and legitimate trade, as all merchants have been clamoring so long for, backed up by the chambers of commerce of Liverpool and Manchester, all the places in question would have long since been full of British subjects, white and colored. Trade would have developed a thousandfold, and the French would never have gone near it."—London Mail.

This One Especially.

From a Paris paper we take the following conversation in a police court:

The President—It appears from your record that you have been 37 times previously convicted.

The Prisoner (sententiously)—Man is not perfect.—London Globe.

A Portrait of Wordsworth.

One of Charles Lamb's friends said to him that he had never seen Wordsworth.

"Why, you've seen an old horse, haven't you?" asked Charles Lamb.

"Yes, I suppose so."

"Then you've seen Wordsworth."—Pall Mall Gazette.

HOW TO COOK POSSUM.

Told by One of the Most Skillful Oppossum Chefs In the World.

A negro's juicy appreciation of possum meat was well illustrated upon a recent occasion when a lady with whom the narrator is acquainted paid a visit to New Orleans. She told him the story. She was walking down Chartres street early one morning, intending to visit the celebrated French market of the Crescent City, and on her way she met a very old colored man coming from the opposite direction, evidently from the market, as he was carrying in one hand a possum and in the other a small split wooden basket of sweet potatoes. The old man's face was beaming with good nature and wreathed in smiles of anticipatory pleasure. He looked so joyously into the face of the lady that she, too, could not help but smile at him, whereupon he held the possum up aloft and said, "Good eatin, missy, good eatin." She stopped for a moment, looked at the childlike, happy face of the old negro and said, "So you like possum, do you?"

"Like possum, missy! I loves possum. Dare ain't no eatin like possum. De possum am good, but de gravy with sweet potatoes is better. Did you never eat possum, missy? Den you didn't know what good eatin was. But mebbe you all wouldn't know how to cook Mr. Possum, fur dar's ebbyt'ing in de know how."

"Well, then, tell me how you cook it," she said.

The old man set the possum and potatoes down on the pavement, or, as they call it in New Orleans, the "banquet," and with a look of earnest concentration began with: "Now, don't you never forget jest what I'ze gwine to tell you about how to cook de possum. Well de fust t'ing you does is to get your possum. Dat may be easy fur you uns, but 'tain't fur me—dat is, always. Well, den, when you's dun got your possum you skins him fust. Den you puts him into de pot with cold water an put de pot over a hot fire, an den you parbiles him—not too much—fur you doan't want to lose any of his nice sweet fat. Den you takes him out of de pot an you dries him in a clean towel. Den you puts him into a big fryin pan. Den you scrapes de skin off your sweet potatoes an you puts dem into de same pan with Mr. Possum. Den you has your stove red, an den you puts de pan an possum an potatoes into de oven an den go away fur a little while, but not too long.

"Den when you comes back you puts in a little hot water, an den you begins an bastes de possum an de sweet potatoes, an you keeps on a-bastin an a-bastin till de possum is a good brown—jest like my color—an de sweet potatoes is soft an juicy an de gravy is almost black an plenty of it. Den you takes it out of de oven, an den you sots de table, an den—well, den you bars de doors, fur de smell of cooked possum goes a long ways, an when you have only one possum you doan't want much company besides yourself."

Now, there is your recipe for cooking possum and given by probably one of the best chefs for that dish in the world.—Philadelphia Times.

ONE MILLIONAIRE'S START.

He Earned Ten Dollars by Throwing the Strong Man of a Show.

"Had I caught my train that night," laughed the man who had nothing to do for a quarter of a century but sit and watch pine trees grow to swell his bank account, "I would probably be a farmer now trying to raise a mortgage and a few other things. I had gone to a little town in lower Wisconsin to see a colt that a man there wanted to sell me. I was a good judge of stock and shrewd on a trade, but a greener country lad never broke into a town. I would [illegible] walked back to the farm after I found myself too late for the train, but I saw a handbill announcing a show that night and couldn't resist the temptation to see it, though it did cost a quarter.

"In my hilarious appreciation I was more of an entertainment than they had on the stage, especially as I was utterly oblivious to the fact that I did not look like any one else in the audience. Toward the end a huge fellow came out, tossed cannon balls in the air, held men out at arm's length and lifted heavy weights. After this showing of his prowess he offered $10 to any one whom he could not throw inside of two minutes. I was the crack wrestler in all our section, though none present knew it, and I felt as though the challenge was aimed directly at me. I turned hot and cold during a few seconds of intense silence. Then I sprang up, and, as I came out of my old blouse, shouted, 'I'll go you, b'gosh!' There was a roar of laughter, and then some of those about me urged me not to go up there and have my neck broken. But one old man told me to go in. It was a tough job, but I finally threw the giant almost through the floor with a hip lock. There was a little hesitancy about giving me the $10, but the crowd shouted till I got it. Then the old man took me home with him, and in a week I had charge of all the teams in his lumber camps. In time I became a partner, and he cleared the way to make me rich. That was really a match for a million."—Detroit Free Press.

Not a Slip.

"Here," cried the managing editor, "what does this mean? The account of this man's death is headed 'Gathered to His Feathers.' This kind of proofreading has got to stop. 'Gathered to his feathers!' Why, the man who let that slip must be a driveling fool!"

"Oh, that's all right!" said the city editor. "It's a joke. Folding bed accident, you know."—Chicago News.

Avoided.

"Does your sister sing much, George?"

"Not when I'm around."

"What's the reason?"

"I always leave when she begins."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Mrs. McKinley Bestows Favors.

The wife of the President has given special permission to John Philip Sousa, "The March King," to dedicate to her his new composition, just finished, and which will be called "The Lady of the White House." Mrs. McKinley forwarded her permission last week to the editor of The Ladies' Home Journal, which will publish the Sousa composition complete in its next issue. This magazine has also received for the same number a new and large portrait of Mrs. McKinley, taken a few days ago in the White House conservatory. This is the second photograph which the President's wife has allowed to be taken within ten years, the first portrait taken of her since 1887 having also gone to The Ladies' Home Journal, which published it in its last October number, causing the entire edition of that issue to be exhausted.

A Flourishing City.

Demopolis, Ala., Special.

Demopolis is a beautiful city situated on the east bank of the Tombigbee river, one mile north. The Black Warrion river empties its waters in the Tombigbee. The Great Southern Railroad passes through east and west within a radius of five miles. Our little city has a population of 3,600. We have three schools and the following churches: A. M. E. Church, F. B. Morland, pastor; First Baptist, C. W. Wallace, pastor; A. M. E. Zion Church, E. Hunter, pastor; Second Baptist Church, L. S. Steinback, pastor. The Black Belt Normal Institute is in a flourishing condition under the management of Prof. U. S. Jones, president, and S.N. Brasfield, assistant. We have a third teacher, Miss M. L. Scott. Our people say The Freeman is the paper for them.

The Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, is the greatest business organization controlled exclusively by colored people in the world. The order has its headquarters in Richmond, Va., where a banking institution, several large business houses, a newspaper and many other enterprises are conducted by seventy-five Negro clerks. There is not a white face in the entire organization, which numbers over 50,000 persons. It has branch offices in twenty-two States and several hundred cities, employing over 300 deputy chiefs, and pays to its help in salaries an aggregate of about $20,000 a year.

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are on the main and Second floors. Two great departments.

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LOCAL NOTES.

The Christmas number will be a hummer.

The ladies of the Home and Foreign Society of the Second Baptist church, is progressing very fast both in membership and finance. Mrs. G. L. Lane, president; Susie Trevan secretary.

There will be a benefit concert for George L. Davis given by the members of New Bethel Baptist church Friday evening, Dec. 17. A program will be rendered by some of the best talent in the city. Admission 10c. Mrs. Wm. H. Reed, manager. Rev. N. A. Seymour, pastor.

The Indianapolis Colored Business Chart Directory fer 1898 compiled by Messrs. P. W. Barnett and J. T. V. Hill is a creditable work to both gentlemen, and the colored business and professional interests also. It shows in brief the progress of the colored population of Indianapolis. To promote industry and race patronage and to encourage business enterprise is the object of the directory. The gentlemen to whom this work is accredited have not only the esteem of the colored citizens, but have greatly elevated themselves and the colored population as well in the esteem of the white citizens of the city.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Emily Mallory, who has been spending a few weeks in Paris, Ky., has returned home.

Mme. Flower, Misses Royal, Jennie Schepar, Henry, Wiley also Edward T. Harris and Tommy Carter, members of Isham's "Octoroon" company, were callers at our office Tuesday.

Fred J. Hoard, formerly a member of The Freeman composing room force, but now holding "cases" on the Noblesville Sun, was a caller at our office this week. Mr. Hoard came to attend the meetidg of the G. U. O. of O. F.

Mrs. Ida Johnson has returned from Louisville, Ky.

S. C. Rogers, the well-known caterer and wife of Plainfield, N. J., were in the city Monday en route to Pasadena, Cal., for the winter.

Col. W. H. Johnson, of the Bates, is reading medicine at the office of the Drs. Furniss.

Chas. Jordan of Chicago, is in the city.

Wm. Ware, a former employee at the Surgical Institute, was united in marriage to Mrs. Ellen Snell Tuesday.

Lawrence Newby, formerly of this city, but now of Chicago, and Attorney R. B. Cabbell, of Chicago were in the city this week attending to business.

SIMPSON CHAPEL NOTES.

Rev. Sissle was indisposed and did not occupy his pulpit last Sunday. He is improved at this writing.

Mrs. Dolly Lewis preached Sunday.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Blackshear preached an excellent sermon last Sunday morning.

Rev. H. H. Harris, of Cincinnati, a former pastor of this church, will conduct services to-morrow morning.

Sister Reeves, late of Little Rock, Ark., and a member of this church, died after three day's illness last week. Funeral occurred at this church, Rev. Blackshear officiating.

An extra effort is being made to raise a large collection, Sunday the 19th. It is hoped that members and friends will bestir themselves on this occasion. A musical program has been arranged for the evening service.

All orders for the Christmas number of The Freeman must be accompained by cash, and must reach this office no latter than Dec. 20.

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To the Wall is the Big Chicago Bankrupt Clothing,

Dry Goods, Shoe and Hat Company—The Sheriff Had Him.

It was a close call for the Chicago Bankrupt Clothing, Dry Goods, Shoe and Hat Company, 66 East Washington street, when Sheriff Shufelton seized their stock to pay the claims of the creditors. The stock must be turned into money at once. No fair offers refused

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A chance like this may never occur again. Nobody will be allowed in the store before 9 o'clock a. m. All sales strictly cash.

66 E. Washington street, known as the Chicago Bankrupt Clothing, Dry Goods, Shoe and Hat Co.

BARNES CHAPEL NOTES.

There are two churches here in North Indianapolis—one Methodist pastored by Rev. Taylor, and one Baptist pastored by Rev. Simmons. We are in harmony and are doing nicely.

We have a good choir in the M. E. church composed of Mrs. R. Blackwell, M. Brown, Miss Prenella M. Shifflet, N. Printiss, E. Allie. Mrs. N. V. Gillum leader. The choir furnished music for quarterly meeting. The services were grand. Rev. Alexander preached an able sermon in the morning. In the afternoon Rev. Mrs. Dollie Lewis spoke. Her subject was "I am the Door." At night the pastor preached a very able sermon. Rev. Taylor is prepairing to give a shadowgraph entertainment.

The sick are Mrs. Wells, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mr. Moss, Mrs. Coston, Ben Etson.

Our business men are Mr. Wells, coal and wood yard; Rev. Teeters, grocery and meat market; J. H. Taylor, barber shop.

Miss M. Printiss has joined Simpson Chapel choir.

Rev. E. Gillum, P. E., spent a few days with his family.

Bayson Allie has bought a new wheel.

Prof. H. Gillum paid us a visit last week.

Dr. Elbert and the Cousulate.

In the Washington specials Thursday the statement was made in connection with the possibility of the Bahia consulate being given to an Indianapolis colored man, that Dr. S. A. Elbert had failed to pass the examination. This bare statement does Dr. Elbert an injustice, as any one who is familiar with the circumstances under which he took the examination is aware. He made practically no preparations whatever for the examinations as to the consular regulations, the book of which was not placed in his hands till the day before he was ordered to take the examinations. Dr. Elbert feels that he did as well as any one could possibly have done under the circumstances. He declined to post himself on the regulations and take a second examination, as he was urged to do, as a second consideration of the whole matter led him to believe it would be unwise for him to accept.—Indianapolis, Journal.

Dr. Henry W. Furniss, of this city 'tis said is slated for the Bahian Consulship.

Christmas Hats

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That Presidential Train.

There is a great deal of talk going around to the press about the Presidential train to be presented to President McKinley. The latest design is two separate cars, which when fastened together make one extra large car. This idea is the same as the C. H. & D. Ry., company's "Michigan Flyer," on which the vestibules extend the full width of the car, and when the car is coupled together make one continuous train. Persons along the C. H. & D. Ry., who have not seen the "Michigan Flyer" will do well to inspect this train, as it is one of the handsomest in the West.

A GOOD STORY.

But the Author Would Be a Poor Man to Write History.

"The most desperate personal act I witnessed during the war was performed by a Wisconsin cavalryman," said C. J. Hilton of Madison. "It was at Fleetwood Hill, and the man discounted the capture made at Ciudad Rodrigo by Charles O'Malley's man, Mickey Free. The Wisconsin man rode out between two great cavalry forces—Union and Confederate—and attacked a lieutenant and two men belonging to Jeb Stuart's force, and after a hand to hand saber fight, lasting fully ten minutes, captured the three and brought them in. It was the prettiest fight of the kind I ever saw, and the Wisconsin trooper was cheered by every man on our side who witnessed his act and by some of Stuart's riders. I don't know who the man was, but my recollection is that he belonged to the Second Wisconsin."

A man who wore the Loyal Legion button said he did not think the Second Wisconsin was in the fight with Stuart at Brandy Station and Fleetwood Hill. He asked for the story, however:

"I was a member of the Eighth New York," said Mr. Hilton, "and our regiment was part of the cavalry command sent under Pleasonton to look up Jeb Stuart just before Gettysburg. We found Stuart—yellow sash, black hat plumes, gold spurs and all that—at Brandy Station, and with him were all his riders. The fight was a hot one, and we came very near being beautifully whipped, although we claimed the victory on the ground that we learned what we wanted to know—where Stuart was and what Lee was about. Some of the heaviest fighting of the day was at a spot called Fleetwood Hill, and it was there that the Wisconsin trooper captured his three men.

"We had been at it hammer and tongs for two or three hours, when there came one of those let ups you all have seen—for all the world like two bulldogs looking for a fresh hold. While both sides were waiting for the order to advance a Confederate lieutenant and two men rode out from their tents, moving toward us as if searching for something on the field. Everybody on our side watched them and wondered what they were looking for. The two lines were fully two-thirds of a mile apart, and the three had got about a third of the way across toward us. Then over on the right of our line was a stir and commotion, and the excitement spread along until it reached us.

"The right of our line was concealed from us by a little grove of oak trees. A trooper in blue, mounted on a big bay that looked and carried himself like a thoroughbred, was riding out to meet those three men in gray. He sat on his horse like a riding school master. When within 100 yards of Stuart's three men he halted, saluted with his saber and dropped his carbine and revolver. The three men from the other side had been watching him, and, understanding the challenge, dropped their arms.

"Then came the fight. It was a saber contest, with three against one. That Wisconsin man disarmed that lieutenant in two passes, hamstrung the horse of another and put his blade through the shoulder of the third. He brought the three into our lines.

"What do you think of that?" he concluded.

"The story is all right," said one of the listeners, "but I don't think you would do to write history."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Mrs. Nancy Harvey is on the sick list.

One accession to the church Sunday.

Quite a number communed last Sunday, it being the first Sunday in the month. Rev. Murray preached an excellent sermon.

Rev. Murray spent last Sunday evening in Anderson.

Rev. Bushell of Seattle, Wash., preached a very instructive sermon last Sunday evening.

The Auxiliary met last Thursday at the residence of Mrs. Lulu Johnson in Yandes street.

The Missionary Society held a very interesting meeting last Monday afternoon. Quite an interesting program was rendered as follows: Scripture reading, Mrs. Florence Smith; song, society "Jesus Lover of my Soul;" prayer, Miss Ella Williams; recitation, Miss Mamie White; solo, Mrs. Susie Steeple. Everyone is invited to come. A nice program will be rendered next Monday afternoon.

Rev. Geo. F. Woodson, D. D., professor of Historical and Systematic Theology of Payne Theological Seminary will be present next Sunday, Dec. 19, and will preach at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Come and hear him; he is a great orator.

Miss Charlotte Monye of Wilberforce, O., of the Basuto Tribe from the Transvaal, South Africa, will appear at our church during the Mid-Winter Fair, Dec. 28-30. This will be her first appearance in our city. Get ready to hear her.

The Word "Toast."

The word "toast," used for describing the proposal of a health in an after dinner speech, dates back to mediæval times, when the loving cup was still regarded as an indispensable feature of every banquet. The cup would be filled to the brim with wine or mead, in the center of which would be floating a piece of toasted bread. After putting his lips thereto the host would pass the cup to the guest of honor seated on his right hand, and the latter would in turn pass it to his right hand neighbor. In this manner the cup would circulate around the table, each one present taking a sip, until finally the cup would come back to the host, who would drain what remained and swallow the piece of toast in honor of all the friends assembled at his table.

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